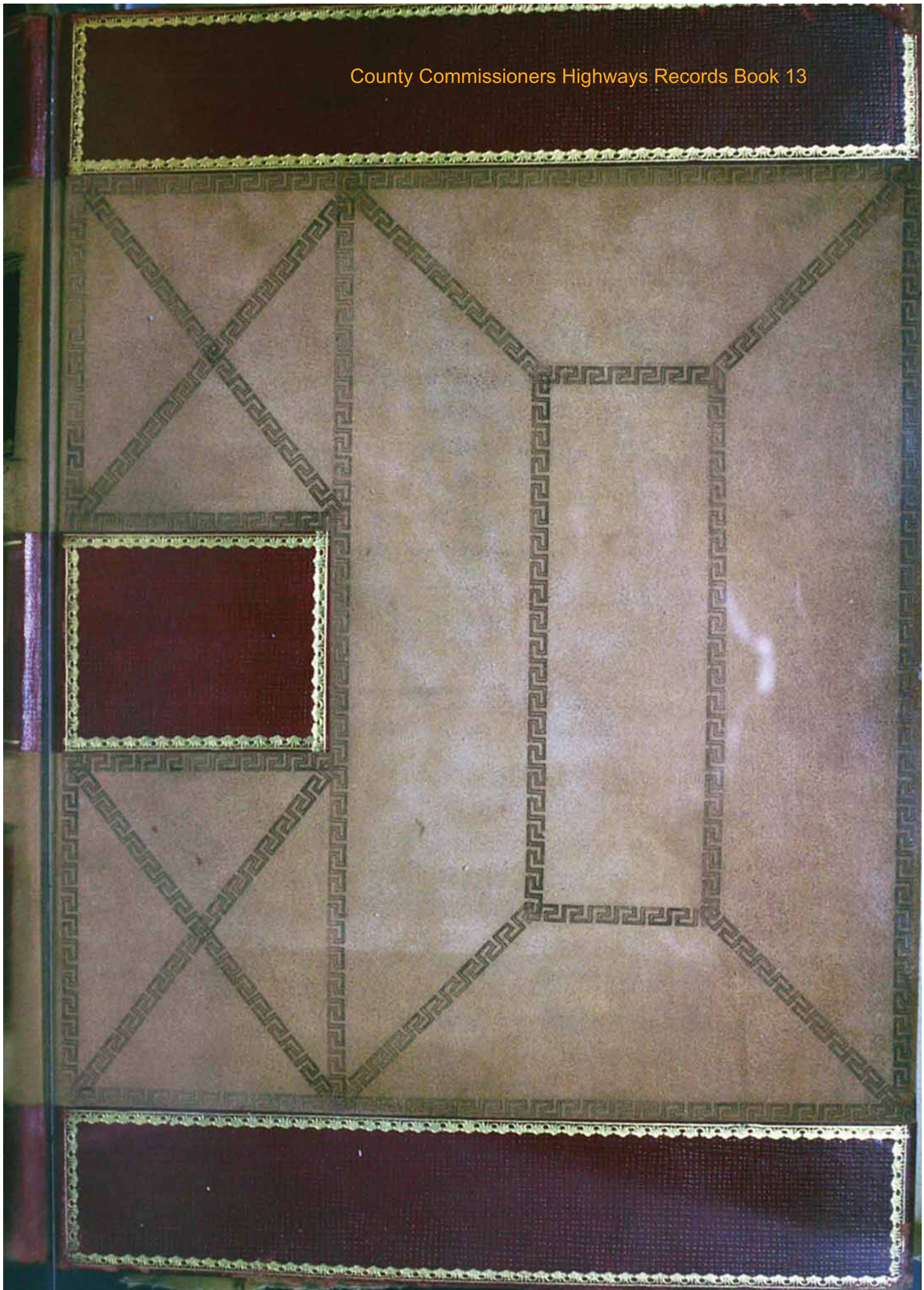


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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty-fourth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

Present, T.M. Brown, Esq. Chairman	}	County Commissioners.
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.		
James M. Sickman, Esq.		

And by adjournment on the first, eighth, thirteenth and seventeenth days of January, and on the fifth, fifteenth and twenty-fifth days of February on the fourth day of March, and on the first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, Timothy M. Brown, Esq. Chairman	}	County Commissioners
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.		
James M. Sickman, Esq.		

James M. Sickman of Holyoke, having been declared by the Board of Examiners, elected County Commissioner, for the term of three years, and having been duly sworn, appears on said first day of January and the Board consisting of T. M. Brown, Wm. H. Brainerd and Jas. M. Sickman, Esquires, proceed to the choice of a Chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three of which, Timothy M. Brown, Esq. has two, and is chosen Chairman of the Board for the year ensuing.

Mayor and Aldermen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

of Holyoke Petrs. for
alteration of bridge

across Main St.

38.

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

Your petitioners, the mayor and aldermen of the city of Holyoke, in said county, respectfully represent that there is in said city a highway called Main street, which is crossed by a track of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, a corporation duly established and operating a railroad in said Commonwealth; that said track is a branch of said railroad and runs across and over said Main street at a point just south of the junction of said Main street and South street; that said crossing is effected by means of a bridge built over and across said street; that the road bed of said Main street under said bridge is narrower than the road bed of said Main street, north and south of said bridge; that public travel and

use of said Main street at said point and the use of said bridge by said Company have greatly increased since said bridge was constructed; that your petitioners are of the opinion that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public and that it is for the benefit of said Company that an alteration should be made in the construction of said bridge so that the abutments thereof shall be moved back beyond the lines of said Main street; thereby bringing said main street under said bridge to the full width of the rest of said Main street and that said bridge be raised to a greater height above said Main street than at present. Wherefore your petitioners pray for a hearing upon their petition and the decision of your honorable board thereon.

Henry A. Chase	}	Mayor and Aldermen, Petitioners.
R. S. Burns		
John Wall		
Fred St. Martin		
T. J. Lynch		
Thos. J. Lynch		
Geo. H. Lynde)	

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now the Commissioners appoint a place and time for a hearing, and direct notice of the same to be given, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Selectmen of Palmer, petitioners for separation of grade of the Palmer and Belchertown road and the New-London Northern Railroad in the town of
----- Palmer -----

Case No. 9. Superior Court. Hampden, ss.
Motion to Amend Finding.

And now come Timothy M. Brown, Charles E. Hibbard and Henry G. Taft, the Commissioners appointed by this Court in the above entitled case and respectfully represent that by reason of an error in the plan of changes submitted to and adopted by them, said new road as laid out and described in their decision is impracticable; that the starting point thereof, viz. a point 55 feet from the southeast corner of the dwelling-house of Ellen A. Farrell, (alias Jones) as set forth in said decision is not a center point in said Palmer and Belchertown road, the distance from said corner to said center point being about 70 feet; that said new road at its easterly terminus as described in said decision does not intersect the present highway at grade but in fact terminates in a bank of gravel about 6 feet below the grade of the present highway.

Selectmen of Palmer,
Petr. to abolish
grade crossing over
New-London Northern
R.R.Co. in Palmer.
Motion to Amend
Finding.
Decree on Amended
Decision.

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Wherefore said Commissioners upon the unanimous request and assent of all parties in interest pray the Court for leave to amend their report and finding by a change in the plan filed therewith so that the location of the changes and the plan thereof shall conform to the amended plan filed herewith. And said Commissioners further pray the Court for leave to strike out in the second paragraph of their report and finding the description of the center line of said new road and to substitute therefor the following description of said center line, the same conforming to the amended plan filed herewith, viz. Beginning at a stone bound in the highway and N. 35° 54' E. sixty-eight (68) feet from the easterly corner of the stone underpinning of the dwelling-house of Mrs. Helen A. Jones (alias Ferrill) thence running S. 42° 34' E. two hundred and forty-three and two thirds ($243 \frac{2}{3}$) feet, thence S. 49° 17' E. fifty (50) feet, thence S. 57° 17' E. fifty (50) feet, thence S. 65° 17' E. fifty (50) feet, thence N. 80° 55' E. one hundred and seventeen and one half ($117 \frac{1}{2}$) feet, thence N. 55° 56' E. one hundred and twelve (112) feet said last mentioned course being parallel with and midway between the stone abutments of the railroad bridge of the New-London Northern Railroad and extending fifty-six (56) feet each way from the center of location of the track of the New-London Northern Railroad Company, thence N. 73° 21' E. fifty (50) feet, thence N. 89° 16' E. two hundred and twenty-two (222) feet to the center of the present highway at the intersection of the new location therewith.

The line thus run and described constitutes the center line of the new highway and land to the width of twenty-four (24) feet and nine (9) inches on each side of said line, owned or reputed to be owned by one Henry K. Ferrill and so much more as may be necessary in the deep cutting near the railroad bridge to cover and include side slopes is hereby taken for the purpose of a highway.

Timothy M. Brown	}	Commissioners.
Chas. E. Hibbard		
Henry G. Taft		

And the several parties in interest in the matter of the petition of the Selectmen of Palmer for separation of the grade of the Palmer and Belchertown road and the New-London Northern Railroad at Ferrill's Crossing, so-called in the town of Palmer request the above named Commissioners to make the foregoing amendment to their report and finding in said case and further pray the Court to make its decree in conformity there-

with.

John F. Twiss	}	Selectmen of Palmer.
Chas. T. Brainerd		
Geo. M. Atkins		

New-London Northern Railroad Company,
Robt. Coit, President.

Central Vermont R. R. Co. N. L. Div., by
D. Mackenzie, Supt.

J. Mott Hallowell, 2nd Asst. Atty-Gen. for the Commonwealth.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Superior Court.

Selectmen of Palmer, petitioners for separation of grades of Palmer and
Belchertown Road and New-London Northern R. R. in the town of Palmer.-

Decree of the Court on Amended Finding.

In this case the amended decision of Timothy M. Brown, Charles E.
Hibbard and Henry G. Taft, Commissioners, having been heretofore duly re-
turned and filed in this Court, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that
said Decision as amended, be and the same hereby is confirmed and the
findings thereof adopted.

By the Court,

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

True copies.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

----- CONTRACT. -----

This AGREEMENT made this third day of July, 1895, by and between the St.
LOUIS ART METAL CO., a corporation, located and doing business in the
City and County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, party of the first part,

AND

The COUNTY of HAMPDEN, in the COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS,.....
.....party of the second part,

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part for the consider-
ation hereinafter named, agrees with the said party of the second part,
to furnish on or before the first day of October 1895, the several arti-
cles described in the Schedule hereto attached, and as per drawings and
Specifications accompanying, and which are made a part of this Contract,
and to the approval of the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of said County.

IT IS ALSO contracted and agreed by the said party of the first
part, that they will warrant and defend said party of the second part a-

Contract for Metallic
Shelving awarded
St. Louis Art Metal Co.

gainst all loss or damage arising from any suit or suits that may be brought against it for infringement of Letters Patent and that they will take upon themselves the defense of any and all such suits and save the party of the second part harmless from all trouble and expense arising therefrom.

IN CONSIDERATION of which the said party of the second part agrees upon the satisfactory completion of this said CONTRACT, to pay to the said party of the first part, the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1546.).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

St. Louis Art Metal Co. (Seal).
per S. W. Chase, Agt.

(Seal).	Timothy M. Brown	}	County Commissioners of Hampden County.
	J. M. Sickman		
	W. H. Brainerd		

SCHEDULE.

Four steel cabinets, as per plans and specifications, containing seven hundred (700) roller shelves for books, in the office of Register of Deeds, at Springfield, Mass.

Size of roller shelves to be 20" x 4 1/4 x 14".

SPECIFICATION.

----- Roller Shelving. -----

Case Work.

All end panels of the Roller Shelving to be made of #10 gauge continuous steel plates. The intermediate upright supports of #12 gauge steel. The back will be made of #22 gauge steel, riveted and framed at right angles to the outside supports, thus making a dust proof and practically fire proof back, greatly increasing the strength and diminishing the racking of the Case.

The front edge of each intermediate upright will be protected by a 1" continuous brass tube, thus preventing any friction or danger of damage to the books when placed on the shelves or withdrawn. Each shelf will have 6 Rollers, all made of SEAMLESS BRASS TUBING, in each end of which is spun a heavy steel Journal bearing, thus making the only shelf composed entirely of seamless brass rollers.

The rollers revolve on steel spindles in frames made of the best band steel, accurately bent and riveted together. All rollers will be 3/4 of an inch in diameter. The shelves will be set in our patent ad-

justable rack, made so that each shelf can be instantly adjusted to accommodate a book of any thickness, without REMOVING A BOLT OR SCREW OR USING A TOOL OF ANY KIND.

The backs of the case in the inside, will have vertical strips of extra heavy felt secured to the same for the further protection of the edges of the books.

- - - Finish. - - -

Finish to be of any desired color, and to be of two coats of best baking japan, thoroughly rubbed down and polished, and one coat of finishing japan, all baked at a temperature of not more than 500 degrees.

- - - General. - - -

We wish to call special attention to the adjustable feature in our construction. By using our system, the entire Vault or Case, can be re-arranged for the thickest or thinnest book in a very short space of time, and without the annoyance of having to take out bolts or screws, and without the danger of damage to the books, from projecting burrs or screws.

Finish of front rollers and trimmings to be in accordance with desires of the COMMITTEE.

ST. LOUIS ART METAL CO.

S. W. Chase.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting,

December 24th, 1895.

VOTED,

That M. WELLS BRIDGE, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$25,000.) and to make, execute and deliver a note, or notes to that amount, payable within four months, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation, or Individual, as he, the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum.

Timothy M. Brown,)

J. M. Sickman,)

W. H. Brainerd,)

County
Commissioners.

County Treasurer
authorized to borrow
in anticipation of
the County Tax.

George F. Chapman
appointed Agent to
investigate damage
done by dogs.

December 24, 1895. George F. Chapman of Springfield appointed Agent under Section 454, of the Acts of 1889 and his compensation fixed at five dollars (\$5.00) per day actually employed and his expense actually paid in the performance of his duties as such agent.

County Treasurer
authorized to borrow
in anticipation of
the County Tax.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, January 13th, 1896.

VOTED,

That M. WELLS BRIDGE, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$50,000.) and to make, execute and deliver a note, or notes to that amount, payable on demand, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation, Individual, or Individuals, as he, the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon.

(Seal).

Timothy M. Brown }

J. M. Sickman }

W. H. Brainerd }

County
Commissioners.

County Treasurer
authorized to borrow
in anticipation of
the County Tax.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Special Meeting, February 25th, 1896.

VOTED,

That M. WELLS BRIDGE, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$25,000.) and to make, execute and deliver a note, or notes to that amount, payable November 5th, 1896, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation, or Individual, as he, the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum.

Timothy M. Brown }

W. H. Brainerd }

County
Commissioners.

The sum of Seventy-six Dollars and twenty cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to Dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Allowance for damage
done to Sheep.
\$76.20

The County Commissioners having apportioned the moneys received under the provision of the Statutes relative to dogs, not otherwise expended, order that the same amounting to the sum of nine thousand six hundred and thirty-three dollars and fifteen cents be paid to the Treasurers of the several cities and towns of the County, in the proportions following, viz.:-

Apportionment of
Dog Tax,

To the Treasurer of Agawam,	\$ 232.57
To the Treasurer of Blandford,	126.90
To the Treasurer of Brimfield,	164.49
To the Treasurer of Chester,	162.85
To the Treasurer of Chicopee,	802.82
To the Treasurer of East Longmeadow,	145.97
To the Treasurer of Granville,	144.88
To the Treasurer of Hampden,	142.70
To the Treasurer of Holland,	43.57
To the Treasurer of Holyoke,	1,803.90
To the Treasurer of Longmeadow,	62.09
To the Treasurer of Ludlow,	203.70
To the Treasurer of Monson,	392.15
To the Treasurer of Montgomery,	40.30
To the Treasurer of Palmer,	458.06
To the Treasurer of Russell,	148.69
To the Treasurer of Southwick,	119.28
To the Treasurer of Springfield,	2,956.77
To the Treasurer of Tolland,	60.46
To the Treasurer of Wales,	66.45
To the Treasurer of Westfield,	777.22
To the Treasurer of West Springfield,	427.01
To the Treasurer of Wilbraham,	150.32
	<u>\$9,633.15</u>

Oath of
Margaret M. McCaughan
employed to copy
Records.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County Commissioners' Meeting, March 4, 1896.

Under the provision of Chapter 37 of the Public Statutes it is hereby ordered that Margaret M. McCaughan be appointed as a suitable person under the direction of the said Commissioners to copy such records of proprietaries, cities, towns or counties as in the judgment of the said Commissioners ought to be preserved and perpetuated.

Timothy M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. March 4, 1896.

Then personally appeared the above named Margaret McCaughan and made solemn oath that she would faithfully discharge the duties incumbent upon her under the provision of said order.

James R. Wells, Justice of the Peace.

Accounts.

\$20,515.40

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of twenty thousand, five hundred and fifteen dollars and forty cents, are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Hampden, ss. April 1st, 1896.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the fourteenth day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty-first day of said month, on the fourth, sixth, fifteenth and eighteenth days of May, and on the third and tenth days of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, Timothy M. Brown, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.	
James M. Sickman, Esq.	

To the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of the COUNTY of HAMPDEN:-

The undersigned, citizens and tax-payers of said County, respectfully represent that common convenience and necessity require that a change of width, grade and possibly lay be located as follows:- Beginning at a stone monument on the east side of north Main street in Monson in front of the premises of Eugene J. Foskit, thence northerly on the Palmer road past No. 1 Cemetery to a point southerly of the R. R. Bridge over said Palmer road.

WHEREFORE your petitioners pray that your HONORABLE BOARD will view said premises and make such orders as you shall deem best.

Monson, Nov. 22nd, 1895.

G. E. Fuller et als., Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, April 21st, 1896.

On the petition of George E. Fuller and others, praying that the highway leading from Monson to Palmer, in Monson, be changed as to width, grade and location.- It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the eighth day of January, A. D.

G. E. Fuller et als.
Petrs. for alteration
of highway in
Monson.

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1896, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition be granted. And at the time of said view a person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the fifteenth day of February, 1896, as the time when they would proceed to relocate said highway, and gave due notice as the law directs. And now said Commissioners relocate and lay out said highway in the manner following:-

Beginning at a stone monument on the easterly side of the highway in front of Eugene J. Fosket's house and running thence N. 28° E. two hundred and twenty and seventy-nine hundredths ($220\frac{79}{100}$) feet to a stone monument in the culvert wall; thence by an angle of 170° 13' 15" to the right N. 37° 45' E. seven hundred and fifty (750) feet to an iron pin in the northeasterly side of the Railroad track. Said highway being fifty-four (54) feet wide the entire distance covered by this description, the above described line being the easterly side thereof.

GRADE.

Beginning at Station 5 elevation 104.40 and running level to Station 5+30; thence at a grade of $3\frac{47}{100}$ per hundred feet for a distance of one hundred and ninety (190) feet to Station 7+20, elevation 111; thence four hundred and eighty (480) feet at a grade of $62\frac{100}{100}$ feet per hundred feet to Station 12 elevation 114; thence three hundred feet at a $4\frac{87}{100}$ feet grade to Station 15, elevation $128\frac{60}{100}$.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Monson shall, on or before the first day of July, 1896, complete and finish the same, so that 24 feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be six inches higher than the sides by a circular, curved surface; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level, or a regularly inclined plane; the surface of the whole part to be travelled upon shall consist of gravel or other material which shall be permanently hard; and durable stone or iron monuments shall be placed at each end and at each angle, in said described line. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the

sides shall not exceed one foot perpendicular, to one and one half feet horizontal. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners. A plan of said location is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

Timothy M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Apr. 21st A.D. 1896.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS.

TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF HAMPDEN:-

The undersigned, Selectmen and others of the town of Ludlow, respectfully represent that there is a highway in said town commencing at the corner of Howard street in said Ludlow near the house of F. A. Towne and running thence northeasterly from said point passing the house of John O'Neil, E. N. Fisher, L. Johnson and W. L. Dunlap to the Converse Corner, so-called; thence continuing northeasterly passing the house of H. S. and C. P. Jones to the Post Office; thence easterly to a point where it intersects another highway near the house of Warren D. Fuller at Ludlow Center; that said highway is crooked and its bounds undefined and obscure and that public convenience and necessity require that said highway should be located.

WHEREFORE your petitioners ask your HONORABLE BODY to view the premises and to locate anew the said highway from the point of intersection with said Howard street near said house of F. A. Towne to the point where it intersects said other highway near the house of said Fuller at Ludlow Center.

Ludlow, Mass., March 18, 1896.

J. W. Hubbard	}	Selectmen of Ludlow and others, Petitioners.
E. E. Fuller		
F. A. Towne		

Selectmen of Ludlow
et als., Petrs. for new
location of highway.

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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, May 18th, 1896.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Ludlow and others, praying that a highway be located in Ludlow in said County, from the point of intersection with Howard street near house of F. A. Towne to a point where it intersects another highway near the house of Warren D. Fuller at Ludlow Center.- It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the fourth day of May, A. D. 1896, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be located anew. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the eighteenth day of May, 1896, as the time when they would proceed to locate anew said highway.

And now said Commissioners locate anew said highway in the manner following:-

RE-LOCATION.

Beginning at a stone monument in the northerly line of Howard street at the southwest corner of the estate of M. D. L. Towne (or land of Mrs. F. A. Towne); thence running north 20° 44' east 209.28 feet to a stone monument; thence north 28° 01' east 270.49 feet to a stone monument; thence north 33° 20' east 188.09 feet to a stone monument, thence north 42° 02' east, 398.01 feet to a stone monument; thence north 38° 09' east 102.52 feet to a stone monument; thence north 30° 24' east 103.36 feet to a stone monument; thence north 22° 39' east 103.36 feet to a stone monument; thence north 14° 53' east 102.52 feet to a stone monument; thence north 11° 01' east 514.71 feet to a stone monument; thence north 16° 22' east 76.44 feet to a stone monument, thence north 27° 03' east 76.44 feet to a stone monument; thence north 32° 24' east 855.29 feet to a stone monument; thence north 48° 31' east 427.46 feet to a stone monument, thence north 42° 11' east 504.65 feet to a stone monument, thence

north 47° 02' east 1402.03 feet to a stone monument, thence north 57° 09' east 357.69 feet to a stone monument, thence by a curve to the left of a radius of 242.8 feet, 135.52 feet to a stone monument; thence north 25° 10' east 405.59 feet to a stone monument; thence north 17° 31' east 488.89 feet to a stone monument thence north 18° 55' east 443.91 feet, to a stone monument, thence north 25° 57' east 95.39 feet to a stone monument; thence north 40° 00' east, 93.84 feet to a stone monument; thence north 54° 04' east, 95.39 feet to a stone monument; thence north 61° 06' east, 241.67 feet to a stone monument; thence north 48° 18' east 336.26 feet to a stone monument; thence north 41° 52' east 1956.36 feet, to a stone monument thence north 39° 46' east 868.63 feet to a stone monument; thence north 41° 16' east 534.49 feet to a stone monument; thence north 50° 12' east 181.76 feet to a stone monument; thence north 40° 41' east 520.46 feet to a stone monument; thence north 41° 11' east, 716.50 feet to a stone monument; thence north 51° 12' east, 93.4 feet to a stone monument; thence north 71° 13' east, 91.18 feet, to a stone monument; thence south 88° 45' east, 93.40 feet to a stone monument, thence south 78° 44' east, 199.25 feet to a stone monument; thence south 71° 22' east, 349.45 feet, to a stone monument, thence south 84° 02' east, 340.67 feet to a stone monument, thence north 89° 15' east 697.61 feet to a stone monument; thence north 66° 29' east 110.19 feet to a stone monument in the northerly line of the road to Wilbraham, and near the said house of Warren D. Fuller.

The above described line is the easterly line of the road hereby located anew and known as the Ludlow Center Road, the Westerly line being everywhere distant 50 feet therefrom.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus relocated are allowed until the first day of July next, to remove therefrom, their wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages find that all parties in interest except one, have waived in writing all damages, provided their fences are moved without expense to them, and they find the party who has not waived, is not entitled to any damages.

Wherefore said Commissioners award no damages to parties that may be affected by reason of this location anew of said highway and order that the inhabitants of said Ludlow move all fences necessary to be moved, without expense to the owners.

A plan of this relocation is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

Timothy M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. May 18th, A.D. 1896.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Selectmen of Chester,
Petra. for re-estab-
lishment and restora-
tion of lines of
highways.

It now appearing by an order from the Supreme Judicial Court that the proceedings of the County Commissioners upon the petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Chester, Petitioners for Certiorari, finished at the October Meeting of the Commissioners, A. D. 1895, are quashed. It is therefore ordered that a memorandum of the adjudication of said Supreme Judicial Court be entered upon the records of the County Commissioners.

(See Book 12, page 183.)

County Treasurer
authorized to borrow
in anticipation of
County Tax.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting,

May 6th, 1896.

VOTED,

That M. WELLS BRIDGE, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$50,000.) and to make, execute and deliver a note, or notes to that amount, payable November 5th, 1896, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation, Individual, or Individuals, as he, the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session granting a tax of one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars, (\$165,000.) for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said county, in manner following,-

Agawam,	\$ 1,859.73
Blandford,	619.95
Brimfield,	585.47
Chester,	895.42
Chicopee,	11,433.92
East Longmeadow,	964.30
Granville,	516.59
Hampden,	551.03
Holland,	137.75
Holyoke,	37,470.20
Longmeadow,	861.00
Ludlow,	1,480.90
Monson,	2,755.16
Montgomery,	206.65
Palmer,	3,994.98
Russell,	688.80
Southwick,	757.75
Springfield,	80,829.55
Tolland,	206.65
Wales,	413.35
Westfield,	10,917.35
West Springfield,	5,682.55.
Wilbraham,	1,170.95
	<u>\$ 165,000.00</u>

And warrants have been issued dated May sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns and cities in said county directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and to cause the amount so collected to be paid into the County Treasury.

CONTRACT between
County of Hampden
and
C. W. Richards.

Contract for changes made this twentieth day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six by and between the County of Hampden of in the County of and Charles W. Richards of Springfield in the County of Hampden, "Builder:" The said Richards covenants and agrees to and with the said County to make, erect, build, and finish in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner, the changes to be made in Hampden County Court-house situate Springfield, said changes to be built agreeable to the draught, plans, explanations or specifications furnished, or to be furnished to said Richards by said County of good and substantial materials; and to be finished complete on or before the first day of September 1896, and said County covenants and agrees to pay to said Richards for the same Thirty-four Hundred Dollars, as follows:- There is to be no smoking allowed in the building. And for the performance of all the articles and agreements above mentioned the said Richards and County do hereby bind themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, each to the other, firmly by these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the said Richards and County have hereunto set our hands the day and year first above written.

EXECUTED AND DELIVERED

IN PRESENCE OF
Jason Perkins.

T. M. Brown

J. M. Sickman

W. H. Brainerd

C. W. Richards

County

Commissioners.

No Specifications on file in the Clerk's Office.

CONTRACT between
County of Hampden
and
Springfield Lumber
Company.

Contract for Building Desks, Platforms, etc., made this twentieth day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six by and between The County of Hampden of in the County of and Springfield Lumber Company of Springfield in the County of Hampden, "Builders." The said Company covenant and agree to and with the said County to make, erect, build, and finish in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner, the desks, platforms, etc., situate in the Hampden County Court-house said desks, platforms, etc., to be built agreeable to the draughts, plans, explanations or specifications furnished, or to be furnished to said Company by said County of good and substantial materials; and to be finished complete on or before the first day of September 1896; and said County covenant and agree to pay to said Company for the same Four Hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars, as follows:- when the work is complete and accepted. There is to be no smoking allowed in the building. And for the performance of all the

articles and agreements above mentioned the said County and Company do hereby bind themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, each to the other, firmly by these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the said County and Company have hereunto set our hands the day and year first above written.

EXECUTED AND DELIVERED	T. M. Brown	} County Commissioners.
	J. M. Sickman	
	W. H. Brainerd	
IN PRESENCE OF	Springfield Lumber Co.	
Lyman H. Perkins.	M. M. Goodell,	
	Vice President.	

No Specifications on file in the Clerk's Office.

May 18th, 1896. The contract for furnishing the Court-house and Jail with ice during the ensuing year, was awarded E. O. Doton for twenty cents per hundred pounds at the Court-house, and fifteen cents per hundred pounds at the Jail.

E. O. Doton awarded contract for ice at Court-house and Jail

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden, ss. Superior Court. No. 13.
Selectmen of Westfield Petitioners for the Alteration of North Elm Street Crossing in the town of Westfield.

Selectmen of Westfield
Petr. for the Alter-
ation of North Elm St.
Crossing in Westfield
Decision and Decree.

Decision of the Commission after the Recommitment of said Petition.
Whereas we, Charles E. Hibbard, Joseph Bennett and George W. Wiggin, were on the 12th day of February, 1894, duly appointed a commission in the above entitled case under chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890 and Acts in amendment thereof, and whereas due notice of a public hearing upon the petition of said petitioners was given, as will more fully appear, reference being had to our order of notice and the return of service thereon filed in Court in this case, and said hearing was held in said Westfield on the 14th day of April, 1894, when and where the parties were represented by counsel, and a view of said North Elm street and of said crossing was taken, and all parties appearing were fully heard, and

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Whereas on the 16th day of March, 1895, we filed in Court our decision in said case, and thereafter on April 17th, 1895, the General Court passed a special act relative to the alteration of said North Elm street

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Crossing, being chapter 278 of the Acts of 1895, and our said decision has not been confirmed by the Court, but upon the motion of the petitioners and of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company on the 21st day of April, 1896, the matter was recommitted to us by order of the Court for further consideration and action, and

Whereas the plan for the abolition of said grade crossing which is hereinafter contained has been agreed to by the petitioners and by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and no objection is made to it by the Commonwealth or by the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, these being all the parties in interest:-

Now having fully considered all the evidence and arguments submitted to us in the matter, and acting under all the powers conferred upon us by chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890 and Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, and by chapter 278 of the Acts of 1895, we decide that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that alterations should be made in said North Elm street crossing, in the approaches thereto, in the grade of said railroad, in the grade of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad, and in the location and grade of said North Elm street, so as to avoid a crossing at grade, and we prescribe the manner and limits within which such alterations shall be made as follows:-

The westerly line of said North Elm street shall be altered and established as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the southerly line of the new Pochassic Road with the westerly line of said North Elm street, the said westerly line of said North Elm street, shall run southerly to a point on the base line of location of the Boston and Albany Railroad distant twenty-nine (29) feet easterly from the intersection of said base line with the easterly line of the passenger station belonging to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company extended southerly, and thence continuing on the same course the said westerly line of said North Elm street shall extend as far as the southerly line of the land of said Railroad Company.

The intersection of the northerly line of old Pochassic Street with the new westerly line of North Elm street shall be rounded off by a curved line drawn with a radius of nine and three one-hundredths ($9 \frac{3}{100}$) feet. The intersection of the southerly line of said old Pochassic street with the new westerly line of said North Elm street shall be rounded off by a curved line drawn with a radius of seven and sixty-four one

hundredths ($7 \frac{64}{100}$) feet.

So much of the land of said Railroad Company as lies outside of its location and between the present westerly line of said North Elm street and the new westerly line as herein established is hereby taken and made a part of said North Elm street.

So much of said North Elm street as lies westerly of its new westerly line and outside of the lines of said old Pochassic street as herein established is hereby discontinued.

The said North Elm street shall be widened upon its easterly side and for this purpose the following described parcel of land supposed to belong to E. A. Allen and others is hereby taken:-

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of said North Elm street and the old Pochassic Road; thence running south $69^{\circ} 42'$ east by the southerly line of said old Pochassic Road eight (8) feet; thence running southwesterly about fifty-five (55) feet to the northwesterly corner of the factory formerly occupied by the William Warren Thread Company; thence running north $39^{\circ} 33'$ east by the present easterly line of said North Elm street fifty-two and five tenths ($52 \frac{5}{10}$) feet to the place of beginning.

The following two parcels of land are also hereby taken for highway purposes:-

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The first parcel is bounded northerly by the new Pochassic Road, easterly by Union Avenue, southerly by the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad and westerly by North Elm street.

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The second parcel is triangular in shape and is bounded northerly by the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad, southerly by the old Pochassic Road and westerly by North Elm street.

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The said North Elm street as altered shall pass under the tracks of said Boston and Albany Railroad.

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The grade of the railroad is to be raised at the new location of said North Elm street to an elevation of one hundred and fifty and seventy-eight one hundredths ($150 \frac{78}{100}$) feet above mean sea level at a point forty-four (44) feet easterly from the intersection of the base line of location of the railroad with the easterly line of the passenger

station extended southerly, and the railroad is to pass over said street by a bridge with a clear height of not less than eleven (11) feet between the grade of the street and the under side of said bridge at said point forty-four (44) feet easterly from said passenger station.

We specify the grades for the railroad and for the said street and the general method of construction as follows:-

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At the grade crossing of the Northampton Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and the Boston and Albany Railroad the tracks of both railroads shall be raised six inches to an elevation of one hundred and forty-nine and nine tenths ($149 \frac{9}{10}$) feet above said mean sea level. Beginning at said grade crossing at its new elevation the grade of the Boston and Albany Railroad shall ascend easterly at a rate of four inches per one hundred feet for a distance of three hundred and thirty (330) feet, and thence it shall descend at a rate of sixty-five one hundredths of a foot per one hundred feet for a distance of one thousand four hundred and forty (1440) feet until the new grade shall intersect the present grade. At the intersection of said ascending and descending grades there shall be a vertical curve one hundred and twenty (120) feet in length.

Beginning at said grade crossing at its new elevation the grade of the Boston and Albany Railroad shall descend westerly at a rate of four inches per one hundred feet for a distance of one hundred (100) feet until the new grade shall intersect the present grade. At the intersection of said descending grade with the present ascending grade of said railroad there shall be a vertical curve two hundred (200) feet in length.

Beginning at said grade crossing at its new elevation the grade of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad shall descend southerly at a rate of nine tenths of a foot per one hundred feet for a distance of seventy-two (72) feet until the new grade shall intersect the present grade. At the intersection of said descending grade with the present descending grade of said railroad there shall be a vertical curve one hundred and forty-four (144) feet in length. Beginning at said grade crossing at its new elevation the grade of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad shall descend northerly at a rate of eight tenths of a foot per one hundred feet for a distance of seventy (70) feet until the new grade shall intersect the present grade. At the intersection of

said descending grade with the present grade of said railroad there shall be a vertical curve one hundred and forty (140) feet in length. The said grades of the railroads are shown upon the profiles filed herewith signed by us entitled "Separation of Grades, North Elm Street, Westfield. Profile showing new grades of B. & A.R.R. and N.Y., N.H. & H.R.R. tracks; and dated February, 1896.

The street grade under the North Elm street bridge is to be level for a distance of twenty-five (25) feet northerly from the base line of location of the Boston and Albany Railroad and for a distance of twenty-five (25) feet southerly from said base line. Northerly from this level grade the grade of said street shall ascend at a rate of five (5) feet per one hundred feet until the new grade shall intersect the present grade at the junction of said North Elm street with the new Pochassic Road.

Southerly from the level grade aforesaid the grade of said street shall ascend at a rate of five and seven tenths ($5 \frac{7}{10}$) feet per one hundred feet for a distance of two hundred and eleven (211) feet to a point near the northerly end of the North Elm street bridge over the Westfield river.

All of the highway north of the bridge over the river bounded westerly by the new line of North Elm street, northerly by the north side of the new Pochassic Road, easterly by the east line of Union Avenue and southerly by the south line of the old Pochassic Road is to be paved with granite blocks or shall have a dressing of broken stone, or shall be surfaced in such way as the town may decide.

There shall be a sidewalk on the westerly side of said North Elm street nine feet in width. The grade of said sidewalk under the railroad bridge is to be sixteen (16) inches above the grade of the roadway and is to continue on a level until said grade is eight (8) inches above the grade of the roadway beyond which points the grade of the sidewalk will be parallel with and eight (8) inches above the grade of the roadway.

A cross walk of granite blocks shall be built across old Pochassic street in the line of said sidewalk on the westerly side of said North Elm street.

Where the grade of the sidewalk is elevated above the grade of the roadway more than eight (8) inches, a wall of split stone laid in cement shall be built upon the outer edge of the sidewalk.

Immediately northerly and southerly of the railroad bridge a step shall be built twelve feet long, twelve inches wide and eight inches thick for access to the sidewalk from the roadway.

The tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad shall be supported upon a viaduct of iron or steel of nine spans extending from the present easterly abutment of the bridge over Union Avenue to the westerly line of North Elm street as hereinbefore established.

Beginning at the westerly end of said viaduct the first span shall be ten feet in length measuring from the face of the westerly abutment, which shall be coincident with the new westerly line of said North Elm street, to the center of the first row of columns.

The second span shall be forty (40) feet in length measuring from the center of the first row of columns to the center of the second row of columns. The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth spans shall each be thirty (30) feet in length measured in each case between the centers of the several rows of columns. The ninth or last span will extend from the eighth row of columns to the said easterly abutment of the bridge over Union Avenue.

The clear height at the said second row of columns from the roadway to the under side of the viaduct shall be twelve (12) feet. At the third row of columns the said clear height shall be twelve (12) feet and six (6) inches. At the fourth, fifth and sixth rows the clear height shall be thirteen (13) feet. At the seventh row the clear height shall be twelve (12) feet and eight (8) inches, at the eighth row, twelve (12) feet and four (4) inches and at the said easterly abutment of said bridge over Union Avenue said clear height shall be twelve (12) feet.

The westerly abutment of said viaduct shall be built upon the new westerly line of said North Elm street, and shall have a facing of course ashlar masonry and backing of rubble masonry, all laid in cement mortar.

The easterly abutment of said viaduct shall be raised so as to provide a clear head room of not less than twelve (12) feet as hereinbefore ordered.

The said viaduct shall have a tight floor composed of two layers of boards one inch in thickness, so laid as to break joints. A wooden screen or roof shall be constructed under that portion of the viaduct which is over the sidewalk on the westerly side of said North Elm street.

Catch-basins shall be built under said viaduct. They shall charge through pipes eight inches in diameter into a main pipe not less

than twelve inches in diameter which shall be laid southerly of said viaduct from said North Elm street easterly to said Union Avenue; thence across the old Pochassic Road to an existing drain which now discharges into said Westfield river.

The grade of old Pochassic street shall be lowered to meet the new grade of said North Elm street at its junction therewith and shall rise westward from North Elm street at a rate of six feet in one hundred feet until the new grade shall intersect the present grade.

A wall of coursed ashlar masonry shall be built upon the westerly side of North Elm street beginning at the northerly side of the steps hereinafter ordered to be built as a means of access to the passenger station, and extending thence northerly to the southerly line of old Pochassic street; thence westerly along the southerly line of said old Pochassic street to a point one hundred (100) feet westerly from said North Elm street.

A wall of rubble masonry shall also be built upon the northerly line of said old Pochassic street beginning at a point near the new westerly line of North Elm street and extending westerly to a point fifty (50) feet westerly from said North Elm street.

The grade of old Pochassic Road shall be lowered to meet the new grade of said North Elm street at its junction therewith and shall descend eastward from North Elm street at a rate of two and five tenths ($2 \frac{5}{10}$) feet in one hundred feet for a distance of one hundred and fifteen (115) feet, and thence at a rate of one foot in one hundred feet until the new grade shall intersect the present grade.

The grade of the driveway to the freight yard of the Boston and Albany Railroad lying southerly from the tracks and westerly from North Elm street shall be lowered to meet the new grade of said North Elm street at its junction therewith and shall rise westward from North Elm street at a rate of six feet in one hundred feet until the new grade shall intersect the present grade.

The said old Pochassic street, old Pochassic Road and said driveway to the freight yard shall be graded each to its full width and the roadway of each shall have a dressing of gravel eight inches in depth with the proper crowning in the middle.

The area bounded westerly by North Elm street, northerly by new Pochassic Road, easterly by Union Avenue and southerly by the said viaduct of the Boston and Albany Railroad shall be graded to conform to the

grades of the several streets bounding said area and to the grade hereinbefore established under said viaduct. The grade established under the said viaduct shall extend northerly twenty-five (25) feet from the base line of location of the railroad and southerly twenty-five (25) feet from said base line.

The area lying between said viaduct and old Pochassic Road shall be graded to conform to the grade established under said viaduct and to the grade of said old Pochassic Road.

Suitable steps of granite as a means of access to the passenger station shall be constructed upon land of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company connecting with the sidewalk upon the westerly side of North Elm street and northerly side of the viaduct. Said steps shall be twelve feet long with a tread of twelve inches and a rise of not more than six and one half inches.

We specify the land or other property included in said location of said North Elm street as altered and in said areas taken for highway purposes lying outside of the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad and outside of said North Elm street as the land or other property we deem necessary to be taken.

We determine that the Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall do the excavation within its location, shall excavate and construct the said driveway to the freight yard, shall build the said steps to its passenger station, and the walls ordered to be built upon the westerly side of North Elm street and southerly side of old Pochassic street, shall raise its railroad tracks and platforms, and shall build said viaduct and its abutments and columns, and in general do all the work herein ordered to be done within its location, except the construction of the roadway and sidewalk, and that the town of Westfield shall do all the work herein ordered to be done outside of the location of the railroad except the excavation and construction of the said driveway to the freight yard, and shall construct the roadway and sidewalk and all that pertains to the streets passing under the said viaduct, and the track of said New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company shall be raised by said last named Company, and the expense thereof shall be repaid to said Company, twenty-five (25) per cent by the Commonwealth and seventy-five (75) per cent by said town.

We decide and determine that the Commonwealth shall pay twenty-five per cent of the total cost of the alterations, including the cost of the

hearing and the compensation of the Commissioners and Auditors for their services and expenses, and all damages, including those mentioned in section 5 of said chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890 and acts in amendment thereof; and that the town of Westfield shall pay ten per cent thereof, and in addition to said ten (10) per cent that said town shall pay sixty-five (65) per cent of the expense of raising the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford R.R. so that no part of the expense of raising the New-York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. shall be borne by the Boston & Albany R. R. Co.

We file herewith as parts of our decision showing the alterations herein decided upon, the profiles hereinbefore described and a plan entitled "Separation of Grades at North Elm Street, Westfield," dated February 1896, and signed by the Commissioners.

The charges of the Commissioners for services and expenses are as follows:-

On first decision.-

Charles E. Hibbard, Services & expenses	\$377.35
Joseph Bennett, " " "	399.08
George W. Wiggin, " " "	397.64

On second decision.-

Fifty dollars each in addition to first amounts, \$150.00

Chas. E. Hibbard,	} Commissioners.
Joseph Bennett,	
George W. Wiggin,	

Filed June 5th, 1896.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

May 27, 1896.

In Board of Railroad Commissioners.

In the matter of the petition of the Selectmen of Westfield, relative to the decision of Charles E. Hibbard and others, special commissioners appointed by the Superior Court on the abolition of the grade crossing of North Elm street, in the town of Westfield, by the tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad,- all interested parties having been notified and having consented in writing or not desiring to be heard, it is

ORDERED, That the Board, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 312 of the Acts of 1892, hereby consents to a change of the grade of the tracks of the said Boston and Albany Railroad and of the Northampton division of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad in said town of Westfield, by raising the same at and near the new location of said North Elm street, as established by said commission, to the height and in

the manner set forth in the final decision of said commission, to which a copy of this order is appended.

Attest:- (Signed) Wm. A. Crafts, Clerk.

A true copy. Attest:- Wm. A. Crafts, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Superior Court.

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SELECTMEN of WESTFIELD, PETITIONERS for the ALTERATION of NORTH ELM ST.

CROSSING in the TOWN of WESTFIELD.

Decree of the Court upon the Decision of the Commission.

In this case the subject matter of the petition having been recommit-
mitted on April 21st, 1896 to Charles E. Hibbard, Joseph Bennett and
George W. Wiggin, the commissioners heretofore appointed, and their de-
cision, after such recommitment having been duly returned and filed in
this Court on the fifth day of June, 1896, and the same having been con-
sidered, and all parties having been notified, and having consented in
writing thereto, or not desiring to be heard, and a certificate of the
Railroad Commissioners having heretofore been filed in this case certi-
fying that in their judgment the expenditure on the part of the Common-
wealth for the current year under said certificate and previous certifi-
cates issued under section 11 of chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890 will not
exceed the amount provided for in said Act as amended, it is ordered,
adjudged and decreed that said decision be and the same hereby is con-
firmed and the findings thereof adopted.

By the Court,

Filed June 8th, 1896.

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

On the back of the Decision were the following endorsements:-

We consent to the within Decision

Willis S. Kellogg, Attorney for the town of Westfield.

Sam'l Hoar, Gen.Counsel, Boston & Albany R.R.Co.

The New-York, New-Haven & Hartford Railroad does not care to be heard in
the matter of the within Decision. By

Walter S. Robinson, its Attorney.

The Commonwealth does not care to be heard.

G. C. Travis, 1st Asst.Atty-Gen'l, for the Commonwealth.

On the Back of the Decree were the following endorsements:-

We consent to the within Decision.

Sam'l Hoar, for B. & A. R. R. Co.

Willis S. Kellogg, for Selectmen of Westfield, Petrs.

I do not care to be heard in the matter of the within Decree.

Walter S. Robinson Atty for N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.

The Commonwealth does not care to be heard.

G. C. Travis, 1st Asst. Atty-Gen'l, for the Commonwealth.

A true copy of the Decision of the Commission and

Decree of the Court upon the Decision.

Attest:-

(L. S.)

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, and the same, amounting to the sum of ten thousand five hundred and eight dollars and five cents, are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts.

\$10,508.05

Hampden, ss. June 10, 1896.

Judgment is entered up according to reports, etc., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty-third day of June, and by adjournment on the first day of July, and on the seventh and twenty-fourth days of July, on the fifth day of August, and on the second, fifth, eighth, tenth, nineteenth, and twenty-fourth days of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, T. M. Brown, Esq. Chairman

Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.

James M. Sickman, Esq.

County

Commissioners.

C.H.Saunders et als. Southwick, Sept. 18, 1895.

Petra. for specific
repairs in highway
in Southwick.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of
Hampden, Massachusetts.

We the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Southwick believe that the washout on the new road leading from Southwick to Granville needs repair We therefore petition your Honorable Board to order specific repairs on said road.

C. H. Saunders et als., Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting. July 7th, 1896.

On the Petition of C. H. Saunders and others, praying for Specific Repairs on the Notch road leading from Southwick to Granville:- It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the sixth day of November A. D. 1895, hear the parties and on the 27th day of June 1896 did view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required

that said highway should be repaired. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the first day of July, 1896, as the time when they would proceed to make their order as to Specific Repairs on said highway.

And now said Commissioners order and decree that Specific Repairs be made by the inhabitants of the town of Southwick as follows:-

Beginning at a point about five hundred (500) feet easterly from the stone monument marking the line between the towns of Southwick and Granville and extending easterly about two hundred and fifty (250) feet to a point just east of where the old retaining wall has fallen down, the travelled part of the road shall be widened from four (4) to ten (10) feet to the south. That at least five hundred (500) yards of rock be taken from the slope on the south side of road and be placed in the form of a riprap on the north slope. That the ditch on the southerly side of road for the above mentioned distance shall be opened one (1) foot in depth below the surface of the center of the traveled part of said road and that a twelve inch cast iron pipe be laid across the road in such a manner as to carry off the water from said ditch.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Southwick shall, on or before the first day of November 1896, complete and finish said repairs. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

T. M. Brown

J. M. Sickman

W. H. Brainerd

County Commissioners.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting,

July 9th, A.D. 1896.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

The undersigned respectfully represent that the highway situated in the town of West Springfield and known as the Westfield road from a point opposite the house of M. Thomas Speight running westerly to a point opposite the house of Franklin Spaulding, is crooked and in some places its bounds obscure and undefined, wherefore your petitioners request your honorable board to view the premises and straighten, widen, or new locate said road, and make such alterations and improvements as you may deem best.

T. A. Rogers et als., Petitioners.

T. A. Rogers et als.
Petr. for new
location and altera-
tion of highway in
West Springfield.
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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

July 1st, 1896.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the petition of T. A. Rogers and others, praying for a relocation of a highway in West Springfield.- It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the fifteenth day of May, A. D. 1896, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudged that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated.

And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the third day of June, 1896, as the time when they would proceed to relocate said highway.

And now said Commissioners relocate said highway in the manner following:-

Description of North Line of Relocation.

Beginning at a granite stone bound on the northwest corner of Westfield Road and Rogers Avenue, thence running N. 78 degrees 30 minutes E. a distance of 199.08 feet to granite stone bound; thence to the right along the circumference of a circle whose radius is 2434.43 feet a distance of 424.92 feet to a granite stone bound, thence N. 88 degrees 30 minutes E. a distance of 496 feet to a granite stone bound; thence S. 67 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds E. a distance of 442.25 feet to a granite stone bound, thence S. 74 degrees 45 minutes 05 seconds E. a distance of 101.39 feet to granite stone bound; thence to the left along the circumference of a circle whose radius is 864.45 feet a distance of 359.40 feet to a granite stone bound; thence N. 81 degrees 23 minutes 35 seconds E. a distance of 175.31 feet to a granite stone bound.

Description of South Line of Relocation.

Beginning at a granite stone bound on South side of Westfield Road about 150 feet west of the point where Rogers Avenue enters the Westfield Road; thence running N. 78 degrees 30 minutes E. a distance of 395.12 feet to a granite stone bound; thence to the right along the circumference of a circle whose radius is 2351.93 feet a distance of 1101.40 feet to a granite stone bound, thence S. 74 degrees 40 minutes E. a distance of 280.28 feet to a granite stone bound, thence to the left along the circumference of a circle whose radius is 1436.67 feet a distance 598.47 feet to a granite stone bound, said granite stone bound is 100 feet distant from last mentioned stone bound on North side and measured at right angles to last course on North side. The first course on north side is parallel to and distant 82 1/2 feet from first course on south side.

And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To Adolph Weber,	\$50.
To Anna M. Aschenbach,	20.
To Henry Barstow,	20.

To be paid to them out of the County Treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of West Springfield shall, on or before the first day of October, 1896, complete and finish the same so that twenty-four feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the center of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level, or regularly inclined plane, and greater rise shall not exceed five feet in one hundred feet. Bridges shall be constructed of stone or brick; drains and sluices shall be of the same material and of sufficient capacity at all places necessary for conducting away the water; and durable stone or iron monuments shall be placed at each end, and at each angle, in said described line. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the sides shall not exceed

one foot perpendicular, to one and one half feet horizontal. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners. A plan is filed herewith and made a part of this decree.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, July 1st, 1896.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Daniel B. Wesson,
Petr. for approval
of Dam in Palmer
and Belchertown.

24.

Book of Plans, II.
Page 35.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, and the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.-

Respectfully represents Daniel B. Wesson of Springfield in said County of Hampden, that he is the owner of a certain dam across the Swift river at a place known as Barrett's Junction, which dam is situated partly in the town of Palmer in the County of Hampden and partly in the town of Belchertown in the County of Hampshire; that said dam was built in the year 1881 by William B. Kimball of Enfield in said County of Hampshire, and plans and specifications of said dam were filed by one A. G. Osgood, in behalf of said Kimball, in the office of the County Commissioners of Hampden County on the fifteenth day of August in said year, and in the office of the County Commissioners of Hampshire County on the twenty-fourth day of September in said year, to which plans and specifications reference may be made; that prior to the time when your petitioner acquired title to said dam, the same was completed substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, and that no material alteration has been made in said structure since the completion thereof. Your petitioner respectfully prays that you will view the premises, inspect said structure and approve the same and the plans and specifications thereof.

Springfield, May 2, 1896.

Daniel B. Wesson, by

Jonathan Barnes, his attorney.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. and Hampshire, ss.

Whereas on the petition of Daniel B. Wesson of Springfield in the County of Hampden, by his attorney Jonathan Barnes, Esq., filed in the office of said Commissioners on the sixth day of May 1896, representing and setting forth that he is the owner of a certain dam across Swift river at a place known as Barrett's Junction said dam lying partly in the town of Palmer in the County of Hampden, and partly in the town of Belchertown in the County of Hampshire; that plans and specifications for said dam, were filed by one A. G. Osgood in the office of the County Commissioners of Hampden County on the fifteenth day of August 1881, and in the office of the County Commissioners of Hampshire County on the twenty-fourth day of September in said year, to which plans and specifications reference is made; that prior to the time when said petitioner acquired title to said dam, the same had been completed substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; that no material alterations had been made in said structure since the completion thereof, and praying said Commissioners to view said premises, and inspect said dam and approve the same.

Upon said petitions, by agreement of all parties interested the twenty-fifth day of June then next; and eleven o'clock in the forenoon was appointed as the time to view said dam.

And on the said 25th day of June, the Commissioners of the Counties of Hampden and Hampshire in joint session, met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to thoroughly examine said dam, assisted by three competent engineers, members of said boards.

And after examining the same, said Commissioners are unanimously of the opinion that said dam is sufficiently strong and substantial to resist the action of the water under any circumstances which may reasonably be expected to occur.

Timothy M. Brown	}	County Commissioners of Hampden County.
J. M. Slickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

E. A. Edwards	}	County Commissioners of Hampshire County.
S. M. Cook		
E. E. Davis		

John O. Moseley
et als. Petrs. for
relocation, widening
etc., of highway in
West Springfield.

25.

Book of Plans, II.
Pages 11-12.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens of West Springfield in said county, that the location of the Agawam road, so-called, in said town, lying between the old covered bridge over the Connecticut river and the bridge over the Agawam river, comprising what is known as New Bridge street and that portion of Bridge street from its junction with New Bridge street to said Agawam bridge, is uncertain in several places, its bounds being obscure and in many places undefined, and generally needs revision.

Wherefore we pray that you view said street and relocate the same widening, straightening and defining its bounds, as in your judgment public necessity and convenience may require.

John O. Moseley, et als., Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the Second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, June 23d, 1896.

On the petition of John O. Moseley and others, praying for the relocation of a highway in West Springfield between the junction of Bridge street and New Bridge street and the Agawam bridge,-It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the tenth day of June, A. D. 1896, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated. And at the time of said

view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the 23d day of June, 1896, as the time when they would proceed to relocate said highway.

And now said Commissioners relocate said highway in the manner following:-

South Side of said Highway.

Beginning at a stone bound on the south side of Bridge street near its junction with New Bridge street, thence running S. 81 degrees 34 minutes W. a distance of 3045.58 feet to granite stone bound, thence S. 88 degrees 43 minutes W. a distance of 838.02 feet to a granite stone bound, thence S. 80 degrees 17 minutes W. a distance of 1516.25 feet to a granite stone bound, thence S. 40 degrees 09 minutes W. a distance of 171.25 feet to a granite stone bound which is opposite the north end of above mentioned bridge, and is also end of location on south side.

North Side of said Highway.

Beginning at a granite stone bound on north side of Bridge St. and distant 66 feet from first mentioned stone bound on south side, and measured at right angles to first mentioned course, thence running S. 81 degrees 34 minutes W. a distance of 3041.46 feet to a granite stone bound on N. E. corner of Bridge and Norman streets, thence S. 88 degrees 43 minutes W. a distance of 838.75 feet to a granite stone bound, thence S. 80 degrees 17 minutes W. a distance of 1427.20 feet to a granite stone bound, thence S. 83 degrees 55 minutes W. a distance of 111.70 feet to a granite stone bound, thence S. 40 degrees 09 minutes W. a distance of 227.23 feet to granite stone bound, which is end of location on north side. Said highway is everywhere 66 feet wide, except between the next to the last course on the north side and opposite side, where it is slightly wider.

And said Commissioners finding that by the foregoing relocation no land not already within the limits of the highway is taken and that nobody is damaged thereby, award no damages.

A plan of this relocation is filed herewith and made a part of this decree.

Timothy M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss.

June 23, 1896,

County Commissioners' Meeting.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ord-

ered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

A true copy.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Contract for
furnishing Jail and
Court-house with
coal awarded
Philip D. Hawkins.

June 23, 1896. Contract for furnishing the Court-house and Jail with coal for year ensuing was awarded Philip D. Hawkins, three dollars and ninety-two cents per gross ton for the Jail and four dollars and eighteen cents per gross ton for the Court-house.

CONTRACT.

CONTRACT for furnishing the Court-house and Jail with Coal for the year beginning June 23d, 1896. This AGREEMENT made and concluded on this 23d, day of June, 1896,

BETWEEN

The COUNTY of HAMPDEN, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by its Board of County Commissioners,Party of the First Part

AND

Philip D. Hawkins of Springfield, in said County of Hampden,

Party of the Second Part

WITNESSETH: That the said Party of the Second Part for a consideration hereinafter mentioned, agrees to furnish for the Hampden County Jail and House of Correction in said Springfield, a supply of New River Steam Coal, for one year from date of this CONTRACT, approximating in quantity to six hundred gross tons, delivered f. o. b. cars at the said Jail; and to furnish for the Hampden County Court-house in said Springfield, a supply of New River Steam Coal for one year from the date of this contract, approximating in quantity to one hundred and fifty gross tons, delivered in the bins at said Court-house at such times as shall be requested by the Party of the First Part.

In Consideration Whereof, the said Party of the First Part agrees to pay to the said Party of the Second Part the sum of Three Dollars and Ninety-two Cents (\$3.92) per gross ton for coal delivered at said Jail and Four Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$4.18) per gross ton for coal delivered at said Court-house.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals, on the day and year first above written.

In Presence of
Robert O. Morris.

{ T. M. Brown
J. M. Sickman
W. H. Brainerd }

County (L.S.)
Commissioners.

In Presence of
Christine Law.

Philip D. Hawkins Contractor. (L.S.)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, June 23d, 1896.

In the matter of the petition of the Selectmen of Montgomery, for relocation and discontinuance of portions of highway in Montgomery:-

ORDERED,- That the sum of Four Hundred Dollars be paid from the County Treasury to said town of Montgomery as a part of the expense incurred by said town for relocating said highway.

Timothy M. Brown
J. M. Sickman
W. H. Brainerd }

County
Commissioners.

Allowance ordered to
be paid to town of
Montgomery, \$400.

To the Massachusetts Highway Commission:-

(Copy).

The undersigned, County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, under the Provisions of Chapter 513 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1896, hereby make application for one steam roller.

This is done at the request of the town of Westfield, in said County, as appears by the copy of their request which is hereto annexed.

Timothy M. Brown
J. M. Sickman
W. H. Brainerd }

County
Commissioners.

Springfield, Mass., June 23d, 1896.

Copy Annexed.

Westfield, Mass. June 15th, 1896.

To the Hon. Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden:-

Gentlemen,- The town of Westfield by its Selectmen request that there be furnished a steam road roller for the town, under the provisions of an Act passed in 1896 entitled, an Act to Improve the Highways of the Commonwealth and to aid towns in the construction and maintenance of better roads.

O. A. Granger
T. B. Moseley }

Selectmen of
Westfield.

Petition to
Massachusetts High-
way Commission for a
Steam Roller.

Acceptance of
Highway in
Montgomery.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, having viewed and carefully examined throughout, the highway in Montgomery in said County, located and ordered upon the petition of the Selectmen of Montgomery and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, we do hereby accept the same.

WITNESS our hands this twenty-third day of June A. D. 1896.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Christine Law
appointed Clerk
pro tempore.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, July 1st, 1896.

In conformity to the provisions of Chapter 384 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth,

Christine Law of Springfield, in said County, is hereby appointed Clerk pro tempore of said Board of County Commissioners until the first Wednesday of January, 1897.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. July 1st, 1896.

Then personally appeared the above named Christine Law and made solemn oath that she would faithfully and impartially perform all the duties incumbent upon her by virtue of the foregoing appointment.

T. M. Brown, Chairman of
County Commissioners of Hampden County.

To the Massachusetts Highway Commission:-

The undersigned, County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, under the Provisions of Chapter 513 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1896, hereby make application for one steam roller, and a portable stone crusher.

This is done at the request of the town of Palmer, in said County, as appears by the copy of their request which is hereto annexed.

T. M. Brown }
J. M. Sickman } County
W. H. Brainerd } Commissioners.

Springfield, Mass., July 7th, 1896.

(Copy).

Copy Annexed.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Palmer in said county respectfully request that you make application to the Massachusetts Highway Commission for one steam roller and one portable stone crusher to be used in said Palmer in the construction and improvement of roads.

John F. Twiss }
Geo. M. Atkins } Selectmen of Palmer.

July 7th, 1896.

J. K. Coomes was awarded the contract for removing the Offal from the Jail for the year commencing July 1, current, for one hundred and twenty-six dollars. (\$126.)

J.K.Coomes awarded
contract for
removing offal at
Jail.

The Commissioners of Hampden and Hampshire Counties of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.-

The Holyoke Street Railway Company hereby petitions your honorable body to change the location of its tracks on the highway bridge across the Connecticut river between the city of Holyoke and the town of South Hadley so that said tracks may be relaid in a location that the easterly track may be laid not more than three feet from the wheel guard of the easterly side of said bridge to the said easterly rail.

The Holyoke Street Railway Co., by
Wm. S. Loomis, President.

Holyoke, Mass., July 6, 1896.

Holyoke Street Railway
Company Petr. for
change of Location of
tracks on highway
bridge across the
Connecticut River be-
tween Holyoke and
South Hadley.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the joint board of the Commissioners of the Counties of Hampshire and Hampden, held at Holyoke in said County of Hampden, on the twenty-fourth day of July, 1896.

On the petition of the Holyoke Street Railway Company asking for permission to change the location of its tracks on the highway bridge across the Connecticut river between the city of Holyoke and the town of South Hadley so that "said tracks may be relaid in a location that the easterly track may be laid not more than three feet from the wheel guard of the easterly side of said bridge to the said easterly rail".

Said joint Board appointed Friday, the 24th day of July, 1896, and the office of the petitioners in said Holyoke as the time and place for hearing all parties interested, and caused due notice thereof to be given.

On said twenty-fourth day of July, said joint Board, pursuant to said notice met at the office of the petitioners in said Holyoke and after hearing the petitioners and all parties in interest who desired to be heard, took a view of said bridge between Holyoke and South Hadley, and (no one appearing to oppose the granting of the prayer of the petition) after considering the matter, granted the prayer of the petition as follows:- to wit:-

The finding or decree of this joint Board dated November 2, 1889, is hereby changed in its second vote so that said vote shall be as follows:-

The Holyoke Street Railway Company is given permission to pass on, over and across the new bridge between the city of Holyoke and the town of South Hadley, upon one track, the same to be located upon the southerly or down stream side of the bridge so that the southerly or easterly rail of the railway track shall not be laid more than three feet from the wheel guard of the southerly or easterly side of said bridge.

Said finding or decree of this joint Board of November 2, 1889, is not changed in any other respect and except as changed hereinbefore is in full force and effect.

The foregoing report, finding and decree is made and signed by the joint Board of the County Commissioners of the Counties of Hampshire and Hampden and recorded upon the records of each County.

E. A. Edwards	}	County Commissioners of
E. E. Davis		
S. M. Cook		Hampshire County.
T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners of
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		Hampden County.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, the full Board being present, holden at the Court-house in Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of August, that being the fourth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, pursuant to the provisions of Article 21 of the Amendments to the Constitution of this Commonwealth a public hearing was held, due notice thereof having been given, upon the subject of the division of this County into representative districts as provided by law:-

And it is now ordered that the County of Hampden be divided into the following districts for the purpose of choosing members of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth.

District No. 1.

The towns of Palmer, Monson, Brimfield, Wales and Holland, containing twenty-five hundred and thirty-eight (2538) legal voters shall form one district to be called District No. 1, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 2.

The towns of Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampden, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Agawam, Southwick, Granville and Tolland, containing twenty-four hundred and twenty-three (2423) legal voters shall form one district to be called District No. 2, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 3.

The first, second and eighth wards of the city of Springfield, containing forty-seven hundred and sixty (4760) legal voters shall form one district to be called District No. 3, and shall be entitled to elect two representatives.

District No. 4.

The third, fourth and fifth wards of the city of Springfield con-

Division of County
into Representative
Districts.

taining forty-nine hundred and fifty-eight (4958) legal voters shall form one district to be called District No. 4, and shall be entitled to elect two representatives.

District No. 5.

The sixth and seventh wards of the city of Springfield, containing twenty-five hundred and twenty-two (2522) legal voters shall form one district to be called District No. 5, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 6.

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth wards of the city of Chicopee, containing twenty-four hundred and fifty-four (2454) legal voters shall form one district to be called District No. 6, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 7.

The first, second, third, fourth and fifth wards of the city of Holyoke and the seventh ward of the city of Chicopee, containing forty-six hundred and ninety-six (4696) legal voters shall form one district to be called District No. 7, and shall be entitled to elect two representatives.

District No. 8.

The sixth and seventh wards of the city of Holyoke, containing twenty-one hundred and ninety-six (2196) legal voters shall form one district to be called District No. 8, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 9.

The towns of Chester, Blandford, Russell, Montgomery, Westfield and West Springfield, containing five thousand and twenty-one (5021) legal voters shall form one district to be called District No. 9, and shall be entitled to elect two representatives.

And it is further ordered that the places for the meeting of the clerks, whose duty it is made by Section 195 of Chapter 417 of the Act of 1893 to determine the result of the election for representatives, are designated for each district subject to the provisions of said Section 195, as follows:-

For district No. 1, the town clerk's office of Palmer.

For district No. 2, the town clerk's office of Longmeadow.

For district No. 7, the city clerk's office of Holyoke.

For district No. 9, the town clerk's office of Westfield.

T. M. Brown }
J. M. Sickman } County Commissioners of
W. H. Brainerd } Hampden County.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Memorandum of an arrangement made by and between the County Commissioners of the County of Berkshire and the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden for the confinement, discipline and instruction of children convicted in the County of Berkshire of Truancy, in the Truant School of the County of Hampden pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 360 of the Acts of 1896.

1. The County Commissioners of Berkshire do hereby assign the Truant School established by the County of Hampden as the place of confinement, discipline and instruction of children convicted under the provisions of sections nineteen and twenty-one of Chapter four hundred and ninety-eight of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four and Acts in amendment and in addition thereto and agree to pay to the County of Hampden, the sum of four dollars and fifty cents per week, for each and every such child so convicted and committed by any Court in said Berkshire County to said Truant School of Hampden County.

2. The County Commissioners of Hampden County, for the consideration hereinbefore named, hereby agree to receive at the Truant School of Hampden County all children convicted and committed as before described by any Court in Berkshire County and confine, discipline and instruct them in the same manner that the children so convicted and committed by the Courts of Hampden County are confined, disciplined and instructed at its said Truant School, and that no distinction shall be made at said school between the children sent to it from Berkshire or Hampden Counties.

3. This arrangement shall begin on the first day of October 1896, and continue until either party shall have given the other notice in writing of its intention to terminate it six months after the date of such notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The County Commissioners of Berkshire and Hampden Counties have executed this Instrument and one other of like import this eighteenth day of August 1896.

J. H. Manning }
J. K. Anthony } County Commissioners
W. C. Dalzell } of
Berkshire County.

Memorandum of
Agreement regarding
Berkshire County
Truants.

T. M. Brown }
 J. M. Sickman } County Commissioners
 W. H. Brainerd } of
 Hampden County.

A true copy.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

(L.S.)

Allowance for damage
 done to Sheep.

\$526.83

The sum of five hundred twenty-six dollars and eighty-three cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Resignation of Mr.
 and Mrs. F. H. King,
 Superintendent and
 Matron of Truant
 School.

September 5, 1896. The resignations of Mr. F. H. King as Superintendent and Mrs. F. H. King as Matron of the Truant School to take effect October 1, 1896, were received and it was unanimously voted,

That we accept the resignations of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. King with regret; and that we tender them our thanks for their able and faithful management of the Truant School for the last nine years.

Appointment of
 Superintendent and
 Matron of Truant
 School.

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 5th, 1896.

To Mr. and Mrs. Erwin G. Ward:-

You are hereby notified that the County Commissioners, at a meeting held this day, passed unanimously, the following vote:-

"That Mr. Erwin G. Ward be appointed Superintendent, and his wife, Mrs. Erwin G. Ward, Matron, of the Truant School, from and after October 1, 1896, and that their aggregate salary be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

Their term of service under this appointment shall be until they shall resign or until they shall be discharged by the County Commissioners."

Please signify your acceptance of the foregoing appointment by signing below.

Robert O. Morris, Clerk of the County Commissioners.

We hereby accept the appointments above specified.

Erwin G. Ward.

Sarah E. Ward.

June Meeting, 1896.

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, and the same, amounting to the sum of fifteen thousand one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty-two cents, are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts.

\$15,127.52

Hampden, ss. September 24, 1896.

Judgment is entered up according to reports etc., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, being the sixth day of said month, and by adjournment on the seventh, ninth, seventeenth and twenty-third days of October, on the fourth, thirteenth and twenty-seventh days of November and on the second, ninth, twelfth and seventeenth days of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, Timothy M. Brown, Esq. Chairman.

Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.

James M. Sickman, Esq.

} County
} Commis-
} ioners.

Wm. S. MacCartney
Petr. for estimate of
Damages.

vs.

Fire District No. 1
of South Hadley.

26.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden:-

I, William S. McCartney, of West Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, respectfully petition your honorable board to assess damages sustained by me by the taking of land for water purposes by the Fire District No. 1, of the town of South Hadley.

Said land being described as follows,- A certain parcel of land situated in that part of Chicopee known as Fairview, on the easterly side of Kendrick street, so-called, bounded and described as follows,- Beginning on said street on land of one Hiscox thence running south on said street 50 feet, thence east 100 feet, thence north 50 feet thence west 100 feet to the point of beginning. Being lot #83 on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden Registry of Deeds filed by one Charles C. Abbey.

We respectfully ask that you view the premises and assess damages as aforesaid under provisions made in the Acts and Resolves of 1895, Chapter 63 Section 3.

William S. MacCartney, By his Atty's,
Steele & Hardy.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, on the premises in Chicopee aforesaid, on Tuesday, the 7th day of July then next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that the

petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon said Fire District No. 1, thirty days at least before the said 7th day of July that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now the Commissioners make the following award.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

December 2, 1896.

No. 26.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On petition of William S. MacCartney asking that the Board of County Commissioners assess and award to him the amount of damages suffered by him by reason of the taking of certain land owned by him, situate in Chicopee in this county, on the 17th day of July 1895, by the Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895;

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, said Board did on Tuesday the 7th day of July 1896, meet and view the premises in question, and by adjournment on the 27th day of November 1896, did hear all parties interested;

And now said County Commissioners do award and determine that the entire damages sustained by the petitioner by the taking of his land as described in his said petition amounts to the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) to be paid by said Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley and interest thereon from such taking.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Charles A. Rich,
(Petr. for estimate
of Damages).

vs.

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of South Hadley.

28.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your undersigned petitioner that on the fifth day of July, A. D. 1895, he was the owner of a certain tract of land situate in Chicopee, in said County of Hampden, described briefly as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Crosby street, so-called, three hundred and ninety-four feet northerly from the intersection of the easterly side of Crosby street with the southerly boundary line of land taken by Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley, July, 1895; thence north on said Crosby street fifty feet; thence east and at right angles to said Crosby street one hundred feet; thence south and parallel with said Crosby street fifty feet; thence west one hundred feet to the place of beginning, containing five thousand square feet, being lot 108 on a plan of lots of C. C. Abbey's.

That Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley, county of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to chapter 63 of the Acts of the year 1895, for the purpose of protecting its water supply on Buttery Brook in said South Hadley, from impairment and pollution, on the fifth day of July, A. D. 1895, took said tract of land and holds the same for the purposes aforesaid, and for the purposes aforesaid has done many other acts and things; that by reason of all which your petitioner has sustained great damage in his property; that he cannot agree with said Fire District upon the amount of such damages; that one year has not elapsed since said damages were sustained. Wherefore, by virtue of the acts and statutes above mentioned and all other acts and statutes thereto enabling, he respectfully asks that you will assess the damages so as aforesaid sustained by him.

Charles A. Rich, by his attorneys,

June 8, 1896.

Brooks & Hamilton.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to the June meeting in the year last aforesaid when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, on the premises in Chicopee aforesaid, on Friday, the 9th day of October then next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon said Fire District No. 1, thirty days at least before the said 9th

day of October that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting and now the Commissioners make the following award.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

December 2, 1896.

No. 28.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the petition of Charles A. Rich asking that the Board of County Commissioners assess and award to him the amount of damages suffered by him by reason of the taking of certain land owned by him situate in Chicopee in this county on the 17th day of July 1895 by the Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895; it appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, said Board did on Friday, the 9th day of October 1896, meet and view the premises in question and by adjournment on the 27th day of November 1896, did hear all parties interested;

And now said County Commissioners do award and determine that the entire damages sustained by the petitioner by the taking of his land as described in his said petition, amounts to the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) to be paid to him by said Fire District Number One of South Hadley, and interest thereon from such taking.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your undersigned petitioner that on the fifth day of July, A. D. 1895, she was the owner of a certain tract of land situate in Chicopee, in said County of Hampden, described briefly as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Crosby street, so-called, ninety-four feet northerly from the intersection of the easterly side of Crosby street with the southerly boundary line of land taken by Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley in July, 1895; thence running northerly along said Crosby street one hundred feet; thence easterly at right angles to Crosby street one hundred feet; thence south parallel with said Crosby street one hundred feet; thence west one hund-

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red feet to the place of beginning, containing ten thousand square feet more or less. Being lots numbered 113, 114 on a plan of lots of C. C. Abbey's.

That Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley, County of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to chapter 63 of the Acts of the year 1895, for the purposes of protecting its water supply on Buttery Brook in said South Hadley, from impairment and pollution, on the fifth day of July, 1895, took said tract of land and holds the same for the purposes aforesaid, and for the purposes aforesaid has done many other acts and things; that by reason of all which your petitioner has sustained great damage in her property; that she cannot agree with said Fire District upon the amount of such damages; that one year has not elapsed since said damages were sustained. Wherefore, by virtue of the acts and statutes above mentioned and all other acts and statutes thereto enabling, she respectfully asks that you will assess the damages so as aforesaid sustained by her.

Mary E. Shaw, by her attorneys,

June 8, 1896.

Brooks & Hamilton

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to the June meeting in the year last aforesaid, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, on the premises in Chicopee aforesaid, on Friday, the 9th day of October then next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon said Fire District No. 1 thirty days at least before the said 9th day of October that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting and now the Commissioners make the following award.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

December 2, 1896.

No. 29.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the petition of Mary E. Shaw, asking that the Board of County Commissioners assess and award to her the amount of damages suffered by her by reason of the taking of certain land owned by her, situate in Chicopee in this county, on the 17th day of July 1895, by the Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley pursuant to the provisions

of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895;

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, said Board did, on Friday, the 9th day of October 1896, meet and view the premises in question and by adjournment on the 27th day of November 1896, did hear all parties interested;

And now said County Commissioners do award and determine that the entire damages sustained by the petitioner by the taking of her land as described in her said petition, amounts to the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.) to be paid by said Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley and interest thereon from such taking.

T. M. Brown	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your undersigned petitioner that on the fifth day of July, A. D. 1895, he was the owner of a certain tract of land situate in Chicopee, in said County of Hampden, described briefly as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Crosby street, so-called, three hundred and ten and a half feet northerly from the intersection of the westerly side of Crosby street with the southerly line of land taken by Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley in July, 1895; thence running north on said Crosby street one hundred feet; thence west and at right angles to Crosby street one hundred feet; thence south and parallel with said Crosby street one hundred feet; thence east and at right angles with said Crosby street one hundred feet to the place of beginning, containing ten thousand square feet, being lots number 104 and 105 on a plan of lots of C. C. Abbey. Also a certain other tract of land described as follows:- Beginning at the westerly corner of land taken from Emma Dean July, 1895, by Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley - said corner being fifteen feet northerly from the southerly boundary line of land taken from said Dean by said Fire District; thence running northerly and parallel with said Crosby street, so-called, one hundred and fifty feet; thence easterly and at right angles to Crosby street one hundred feet; thence southerly and parallel with Crosby

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street one hundred and fifty feet; thence westerly at right angles to the last described line one hundred feet to the place of beginning, said last named tract containing fifteen thousand square feet and being lots numbered 84, 85 and 86 on a plan of lots of said Abbey's.

That Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley, County of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to chapter 63 of the Acts of the year 1895, for the purposes of protecting its water supply on Buttery Brook in said South Hadley, from impairment and pollution, on the fifth day of July, A. D. 1895, took said tract of land and holds the same for the purposes aforesaid, and for the purposes aforesaid has done many other acts and things; that by reason of all which your petitioner has sustained great damage in his property; that he cannot agree with said Fire District upon the amount of such damages; that one year has not elapsed since said damages were sustained, Wherefore, by virtue of the acts and statutes above mentioned and all other acts and statutes thereto enabling, he respectfully asks that you will assess the damages so as aforesaid sustained by him.

Frank D. Warner, by his attorneys,

June 8, 1896.

Brooks & Hamilton.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to the June meeting in the year last aforesaid, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, on the premises in Chicopee aforesaid, on Friday, the 9th day of October then next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon said Fire District No. 1, thirty days at least before the said 9th day of October that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting and now the Commissioners make the following award.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

December 2, 1896.

No. 30.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the petition of Frank D. Warner asking that the Board of County Commissioners assess and award to him the amount of damages suffered by him by reason of the taking of certain land owned by him, situate in Chicopee in this County, on the 17th day of July 1895, by the Fire Dis-

trict Number One of the town of South Hadley pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895;

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, said Board did, on Friday, the 9th day of October 1896, meet and view the premises in question and by adjournment, on the 27th day of November 1896, hear all parties interested;

And now said County Commissioners do award and determine that the entire damages sustained by the petitioner by the taking of his land as described in his said petition, amounts to the sum of forty dollars (\$40.) to be paid by said Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley and interest thereon from such taking.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your undersigned petitioner that on the fifth day of July A. D. 1895, she was the owner of a certain tract of land situate in Chicopee, in said County of Hampden, described briefly as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Crosby street, so-called, ten and one half 10 1/2 feet north of the intersection of the westerly side of said Crosby street with the southerly boundary line of land taken by Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley in July, 1895; thence running north along said Crosby street two hundred feet; thence westerly and at right angles to said Crosby street one hundred feet; thence southerly and parallel with said Crosby street one hundred feet; thence westerly and at right angles to said Crosby street one hundred feet; thence southerly and parallel with said Crosby street fifteen feet to the aforesaid southerly boundary line of land taken by said Fire District; thence southeasterly along said last named boundary line two hundred and four feet; thence easterly to said Crosby street twenty-one feet to the place of beginning, containing twenty-two thousand two hundred and fifty-eight feet more or less and being the same property conveyed by C. C. Abbey to Charles M. Dean as lots numbers 101, 100, 99 and parts of 98 and 87 in a plan of lots of said Abbey's.

Emma A. Dean,
(Petr. for estimate
of Damages).
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31.

That Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley, County of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to chapter 63 of the Acts of the year 1895, for the purposes of protecting its water supply on Buttery Brook in said South Hadley, from impairment and pollution, on the fifth day of July, A. D. 1895, took said tract of land and holds the same for the purposes aforesaid, and for the purposes aforesaid has done many other acts and things; that by reason of all which your petitioner has sustained great damage in her property; that she cannot agree with said Fire District upon the amount of such damages; that one year has not elapsed since said damages were sustained. Wherefore, by virtue of the acts and statutes above mentioned, and all other acts and statutes thereto enabling, she respectfully asks that you will assess the damages so as aforesaid sustained by her.

Emma A. Dean, by her attorneys,

June 8, 1896.

Brooks & Hamilton.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to the June meeting in the year last aforesaid when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, on the premises in Chicopee aforesaid, on Friday, the 9th day of October then next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon said Fire District No. 1, thirty days at least before the said 9th day of October that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting and now the Commissioners make the following award.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

December 2, 1896.

No. 31.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the petition of Emma A. Dean, asking that the Board of County Commissioners assess and award to her the amount of damages suffered by her by reason of the taking of certain land owned by her, situate in Chicopee in this county, on the 27th day of July 1895, by the Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895;

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, said Board did

on Friday the 9th day of October 1896, meet and view the premises in question and by adjournment on the 27th day of November 1896, did hear all parties interested;

And now said County Commissioners do award and determine that the entire damages sustained by the petitioner by the taking of her land as described in her said petition amounts to the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.) to be paid by said Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley and interest thereon from such taking.

T. M. Brown	}	County
J. M. Sickman		Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your undersigned petitioner, that on the fifth (5th) day of July A. D. 1895 she was the owner of a certain tract of land situate in Chicopee in said county of Hampden, briefly described as follows, viz:- Beginning at a point in the easterly side of Winthrop street about four hundred and twenty-five (425) northerly from the northerly side of the County road known as the Ludlow road; thence running easterly in a line at right angles to said Winthrop street one hundred (100) feet; thence southerly in a line at right angles to the last described line and parallel with said Winthrop street fifty (50) feet; thence westerly in a line at right angles with the last described line one hundred (100) feet to the said easterly side of said Winthrop street; thence northerly by said easterly side of said Winthrop street fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning, being lot No. 59 on a plan of lots of C. C. Abbey's. Also that your undersigned petitioner, on the said fifth day of July A. D. 1896, was the owner of a certain other tract of land situate in said Chicopee briefly described as follows, viz:- Beginning at a point in the easterly side of Winthrop street about three hundred and seventy-five (375) feet northerly from the northerly side of the County road known as the Ludlow road, and thence running easterly in a line at right angles to said Winthrop street one hundred (100) feet; thence southerly at right angles to the last described line and parallel with said Winthrop street fifty (50) feet; thence westerly in a line at right angles to the last described line one hundred (100) feet to the said easterly side of said Winthrop street; thence northerly by said

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(Petr. for estimate
of Damages).
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easterly side of said Winthrop street fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning and being lot No. 60 on said plan of lots of said Abbey's and said tracts of land being two of the lots of land conveyed to me by deed of said Abbey dated April 3d 1893, recorded in said County of Hampden Registry of Deeds in Book 504 on Page 293; that Fire District Number One in the town of South Hadley in the County of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to chapter 63 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1895, for the purposes of protecting its water supply on Buttery Brook in said South Hadley from impairment and pollution, on the fifth day of July A. D. 1895 took said two tracts of land and holds the same for the purposes aforesaid, and for the purposes aforesaid has done many other acts and things; that by reason of all of which, your petitioner has sustained great damage to her property; that she cannot agree with said Fire District upon the amount of such damages; that one year has not elapsed since said damages were sustained, wherefore by virtue of the acts and statutes above mentioned and all other acts and statutes thereto enabling, she respectfully asks that your honorable board will assess the damages so as aforesaid sustained by her.

Lizzie McNally, by her attorney,

T. D. O'Brien.

Holyoke Mass., June 23d, 1896.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, on the premises in Chicopee aforesaid, on Friday, the 9th day of October then next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon said Fire District No. 1, thirty days at least before the said 9th day of October that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now the Commissioners make the following award.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

December 2, 1896.

No. 32.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the petition of Lizzie McNally asking that the Board of County Commissioners assess and award to her the amount of damages suffered by her by reason of the taking of certain land owned by her, situate in

Chicopee in this county, on the 17th day of July 1895, by the Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895;

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, said Board did on Friday, the 9th day of October, 1896, meet and view the premises in question and by adjournment on the 27th day of November 1896, did hear all parties interested;

And now said County Commissioners do award and determine that the entire damages sustained by the petitioner by the taking of her land as described in her said petition amounts to the sum of thirty dollars (\$30) to be paid by said Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley and interest thereon from such taking.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents Charles C. Abbey of Chicopee in said County, that Fire District Number One in the town of South Hadley in the County of Hampshire, acting by its Board of Water Commissioners by virtue and in execution of the power and authority vested in it by the Legislature of the Commonwealth by Chapter 63 of the Acts of the year 1895, within a year next prior to the date and filing of this petition has taken and holds the following described land belonging to your petitioner:-

Beginning at a stone monument marking the line between Hampshire and Hampden Counties the same being the northeasterly corner of the herein described lot; thence N. 87° 00' W. one thousand four hundred and ninety-eight and five tenths (1498.5) to a stake, thence S. 69° 30' E. seventy-six and seven tenths (76.7) feet to a stake, thence S. 61° 35' E. one hundred and twelve (112) feet to a stake, thence S. 63° 20' E. one thousand five hundred and seventy-two (1572) feet to a stake, the last described line passes near its easterly end, two feet north of a large oak tree, thence N. 2° 20' E. three hundred and twenty-nine (329) feet to a large pine stump, thence N. 12° 45' W. four hundred and forty-nine (449) feet to the place of beginning and containing 13.53 acres be the same more or less. Excepting from the above description sundry parcels of land sold

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to various persons by the said Abbey and designated on the plan hereto annexed and made a part hereof as lots Nos. 57, 58, 81, 83, 84, 85, 86, 99, 100, 101, 104, 105, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and so much of lots Nos. 34, 50, 51, 59, 60, 87 and 98 as is included respectively in the foregoing description and as shown on said plan.

For further description of the real estate taken reference may be made to said plan whereon the land taken is described as lots, 29, 31, 32, 33, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 102, 103, 106, 107, 115, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, and parts of lots, 8, 30, 33, 73, 74, 116, 117, 123, 124, 146, 147, 152, 153, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 179, 180, together with the portion of the streets shown on said plan and known as Lombard street, Winthrop street, Kendrick street, Crosby street, Julian street, and Lyman street.

And your petitioner avers that by the taking of said land by the said Fire District Number One as aforesaid, he, the petitioner, has been greatly damaged and put to great loss and inconvenience and his other and remaining property greatly reduced in value.

Your petitioner further represents that he is unable to agree with said Fire District Number One or with its Board of Water Commissioners upon the amount of said damage and he therefore prays that the same may be assessed and determined by your Honorable Body, and for such orders and decrees in the premises as law and justice may require.

Charles C. Abbey, by

Walter S. Robinson his attorney.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, on the premises in Chicopee, aforesaid, on Friday, the 9th day of October then next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon said Fire District Number One thirty days at least before the said 9th day of October that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting and now the Commissioners make the following award.

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December 2, 1896.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

No. 33.

On petition of Charles C. Abbey, asking that the Board of County Commissioners assess and award to him the amount of damages suffered by him by reason of the taking of certain land owned by him, situate in Chicopee in this county, on the 17th day of July 1895, by the Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895;

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, said Board did, on Friday, the 9th day of October 1896, meet and view the premises in question and by adjournment on the 27th day of November 1896, did hear all parties interested;

And now said Commissioners do award and determine that the entire damages sustained by the petitioner by the taking of his land as described in his said petition amounts to the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.) to be paid by said Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley and interest thereon from such taking.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

Respectfully represents Joseph Cahill of Holyoke in said County, that on February 19, 1895 and for a long time before that and ever since that date he was and still is the owner of a certain tract of land situated in Chicopee in said County on the westerly side of Winthrop street and bounded and described as follows, viz:- Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Winthrop street three hundred and ninety-one (391) feet northerly from the northerly side of the Ludlow road so-called; thence running westerly at a right angle to said Winthrop street one hundred (100) feet; thence northerly and parallel with said Winthrop street one hundred (100) feet; thence easterly one hundred (100) feet to said Winthrop street; thence southerly along said Winthrop street one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning. Being lots number 50 and 51 on a

Joseph Cahill,
(Petr. for estimate
of damages).

vs.

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of South Hadley.

35.

plan of lots of Charles C. Abbey.

That the town of South Hadley under authority granted by the Legislature of this Commonwealth entitled an Act to authorize Fire District Number One in the town of South Hadley to take additional land for the protection of its water supply said Act being Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895. Being approved Feb. 19, 1895 has taken land belonging to said Petitioner under said Act greatly damaging the remaining land of said Petitioner and also damaging said Petitioner by said land taken as aforesaid.

For a more particular description of the amount of land taken see the description filed in the Registry of Deeds for said County of Hampden signed by the Water Commissioners of said District. That said Petitioner is unable to agree with said District upon the amount of damages therefor, wherefore said Petitioner prays that he may have such damage assessed by your Honorable Board as provided in said Chapter 63 of said Acts of 1895. And your Petitioner further states that one year has not elapsed since said damage was sustained.

Joseph Cahill, by his attorneys,

Chapin & Chapin.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, on the premises in Chicopee aforesaid, on Friday the 9th day of October then next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon said Fire District No. 1, thirty days at least before the said 9th day of October that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting and now the Commissioners make the following award.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

December 2, 1896.

No. 35.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the Petition of Joseph Cahill, asking that the Board of County Commissioners assess and award to him the amount of damages suffered by him by reason of the taking of certain land owned by him, situate in Chicopee in this county, on the 17th day of July 1895, by the Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley pursuant to the provisions

of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895;

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, said Board did, on Friday the 9th day of October 1896, meet and view the premises in question and by adjournment on the 27th day of November, 1896, did hear all parties interested;

And now said County Commissioners do award and determine that the entire damages sustained by the petitioner by the taking of his land as described in his said petition, amounts to the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.) to be paid by said Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley and interest thereon from such taking.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents, Henry Norman and Jane Norman, both of Holyoke, in said County, that on February 19, 1895 and for a long time before that and ever since that date they have been and still are the owners of a certain tract of land situated in Chicopee, in said County and bounded and described as follows, viz:- Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Lombard street three hundred and sixty-seven (367) feet northerly side of the public highway known as the Ludlow Road; thence running easterly in a line at right angles with said Lombard street one hundred (100) feet; thence northerly in a line parallel with said Lombard street one hundred (100) feet; thence westerly in a line at right angles with the last described line one hundred (100) feet to said Lombard street; thence southerly on the easterly line of said Lombard street one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning. The same being lots number 34 and 35 Lombard street on Charles C. Abbey's plan of lots.

That the town of South Hadley under authority granted by the legislature of this Commonwealth entitled an Act to authorize Fire District Number One in the town of South Hadley to take additional land for the protection of its water supply, said Act being Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895. Being approved February 18, 1895, has taken land belonging to said Petitioners under said Act greatly damaging the remaining land of said Petitioners and also damaging said Petitioners by said land taken

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(Petrs. for estimate
of Damages).

vs.

Fire District No. 1,
of South Hadley.

as aforesaid. For a more particular description of the amount of land taken see the description filed in the Registry of Deeds for said County of Hampden signed by the Water Commissioners of said District. That said Petitioners are unable to agree with said District upon the amount of damages therefor, wherefore said Petitioners pray that they may have such damages assessed by your Honorable Board as provided in said Chapter 63 of said Acts of 1895. And your Petitioners further state that one year has not elapsed since said damage was sustained.

Henry Norman and Jane Norman by their attorneys,
Chapin & Chapin.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, on the premises in Chicopee aforesaid, on Friday, the 9th day of October then next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that the petitioners cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon said Fire District No. 1, thirty days at least before the said 9th day of October that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting and now the Commissioners make the following award.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

December 2, 1896.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

No. 36.

On petition of Henry Norman and Jane Norman asking that the Board of County Commissioners assess and award to them the amount of damages suffered by them by reason of the taking of certain land owned by them, situate in Chicopee in this county, on the 17th day of July 1895, by the Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1895;

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, said Board did, on Friday the 9th day of October, 1896, meet and view the premises in question and by adjournment on the 27th day of November, 1896, did hear all all parties interested;

And now said County Commissioners do award and determine that the entire damages sustained by the petitioners by the taking of their land

as described in their said petition amounts to the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) to be paid by said Fire District Number One of the town of South Hadley and interest thereon from such taking.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the County of
Hampden, Mass.

Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens of Westfield in said County that all that portion of the old highway on Brass Hill, so-called (running easterly from Montgomery street to North Elm street in said Westfield and formerly crossing the tracks of the New-Haven and Northampton Company) that is in excess of three rods wide can with greater public convenience be discontinued and we do therefor pray that you discontinue all that portion of said highway lying north of the Prospect Hill school-house lot that is south of a strip three rods wide measured southerly from the northerly line of said highway.

Dated, August 3d, 1896.

O. A. Granger	}	Selectmen and others, Petitioners.
T. B. Moseley		
James P. Freeman		

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and due proceedings were had thereon. And the following motion to amend said petition was filed.-

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the County of
Hampden, Mass.

Respectfully pray the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Westfield and others that the petition presented to you dated August 3d, 1896, for a discontinuance of a certain portion of old highway on Brass Hill in said Westfield be amended by adding thereto the following, and that the northerly line of said old highway be relocated so that said line shall begin at the monument at the southwest corner of land of John E. Coughlin and run thence easterly along line of fence now standing and thence by extension easterly to location of New-Haven and Northampton Company, said line to be a straight line; and that the southerly line of said way be

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relocated to run at a uniform distance of three rods from said north line measured at right angles thereto.

Dated, September 10th, 1896.

O. A. Granger	}	Selectmen and others, Petitioners.
T. B. Moseley		
J. P. Freeman		

And this petition was continued to this meeting and now the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting

September 19th, 1896.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Westfield and others as amended September 10th, 1896, praying for a relocation of a highway on Brass or Prospect Hill so-called, in Westfield, and a discontinuance of a part thereof,- it appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the tenth day of September, A. D. 1896, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition, as amended should be granted. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the nineteenth day of September, 1896, as the time when they would proceed to relocate said highway, and discontinue a part thereof.

And now said Commissioners relocate said highway in the manner following:

(Relocation of Northerly side of said highway.)

The northerly line of said highway shall begin at a stone monument at the southwest corner of land now of John E. Coughlin in the easterly line of Montgomery street (being the point of beginning of the former location) and thence run south 29° 22' east on the line of the fence of said Coughlin as it now stands and the line of said fence extended in a straight line (on the same course) easterly to land of the New-Haven and Northampton Company.

(Relocation of the Southerly side of said highway.)

The southerly line of said highway shall be parallel with the northerly line as above described and three (3) rods distant therefrom.

(Discontinuance.)

Said highway is discontinued upon all land not included in the above relocation of said highway three (3) rods wide.

A plan of this relocation is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

Timothy M. Brown	}	County
J. M. Sickman		Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

October 6th, A. D. 1896.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

We, inhabitants of the town of Westfield, hereby apply to you to locate anew and lay out and repair a road within said town, for the purpose of establishing the boundary lines of said road:- to wit, the road called Union street, and being that portion of said road, on both sides thereof, lying easterly of a point opposite the "Williams property", so-called, and from thence easterly to the bridge over said road of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company.

Dated, August 4th, 1896.

Homer Bush and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

November 13th, 1896.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the Petition of Homer Bush and others praying for a relocation,

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Petr. for new
location and repair
of Highway in
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lay-out and repair of a highway, called Union street in Westfield in said County,-

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the tenth day of September, A. D. 1896, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated, laid out and repaired. After adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the seventeenth day of October, 1896, as the time when they would proceed to relocate, lay-out and order repaired said highway, and gave due notice as the law directs.

And now said Commissioners relocate, lay-out and order repaired said highway in the manner following:-

Commencing at a stone monument bearing north $53^{\circ} 50'$ east forty-nine and five-tenths (49.5) feet from a stone monument in front of the house of heirs of Roland Williams at the commencement of a change of location by the County Commissioners on April 4th, 1868, and described in Book 8, Page 237 of the County Records, thence running south $36^{\circ} 10'$ east three hundred and thirty-five and five-tenths (335.5) feet to a stone monument, thence south $38^{\circ} 05'$ east, four hundred and fourteen and seven-tenths (414.7) feet to a stone monument, thence south $42^{\circ} 07'$ east one hundred and sixty-four and seven-tenths (164.7) feet to a stone monument, thence south $49^{\circ} 28'$ east one thousand (1000) feet to a stone monument, thence same course fourteen hundred and sixty-six (1466.0) feet to a stone monument, thence on a curve to the right of radius twenty-three hundred and sixteen and seventy-six hundredths (2316.76) feet, four hundred and twenty-eight and ninety-four hundredths (428.94) feet to a stone monument, thence south $38^{\circ} 51 \frac{1}{2}'$ east twelve hundred and forty-two and thirty-five hundredths (1242.35) feet to a stone monument, thence on a curve to the right of radius nine hundred and eighty and twelve hundredths (980.12) feet, two hundred and ninety and twenty-three hundredths (290.23) feet to a stone monument, thence south $21^{\circ} 53 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and sixty-seven and eight tenths (267.8) feet to a stone monument, thence on a curve to the left of radius twenty-eight hundred and forty and eighteen hundredths (2840.18) feet, three hundred and fifty-three and twenty-one hundredths (353.21) feet to a stone monument, thence south $29^{\circ} 01'$ east five hundred and one and seven-tenths (501.7) feet to a stone monument, thence on a curve to the right of radius four hundred

and seventy-four and seventy-five hundredths (474.75) feet, three hundred and twenty-one and twenty-six hundredths (321.26) feet to a stone monument, thence south 9° 45' west nine hundred and fifty-nine (959.0) feet to a stone monument, thence on a curve to the right of a radius four hundred and forty-one and sixty-five hundredths (441.65) feet, two hundred and fifty-four and sixty-three hundredths (254.63) feet to a stone monument on the location line of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company's land.

The above described line is the northerly and easterly line of the highway and the southerly and westerly line is parallel to it and three rods distant therefrom with monuments at all angles points of curvature and on railroad location line.

REPAIRS AND RE-GRADING.

Commencing at a point 1015 feet westerly of the watering-trough at an elevation of 98.8 feet above assumed datum, thence on a minus grade to the east of 1.2% for 450 feet to elevation 93.4, thence on a plus grade of 1.6% for 200 feet to elevation 96.6 thence on a plus grade of 3.6% 250 ft. to elevation 105.6 to connect with grade of old road.

And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of relocating and laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To Henry W. Ely and Charles F. Ely,	\$150.00
George F. Sibley	} 150.00
Seymour Sibley	
William Sibley	

To be paid to them out of the Treasury of the town of Westfield, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Westfield shall, on or before the first day of June, 1897, complete and finish the same, so that 20 feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be six inches higher than the sides by a circular curved surface; all small inequalities shall

be reduced to a level, or a regularly inclined plane. Bridges shall be constructed of wood, iron, stone or brick; drains and sluices shall be of the same material and of sufficient capacity at all places necessary for conducting away the water. The whole part to be travelled upon shall consist of gravel or other material which shall be permanently hard; and durable stone or iron monuments shall be placed at each end, and at each angle, in said described line. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the sides shall not exceed one foot perpendicular, to one and one-half feet horizontal. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners. A plan is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Nov. 13th, 1896

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

The Chester & Becket
Railroad Co. Petrs.
to cross Highways &c
in Chester.

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Petition to County Commissioners. - Commonwealth of Massachusetts.-

Hampden, ss.

To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.-

The Chester and Becket Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to chapter 112 of the Public Statutes of the State of Massachusetts, respectfully represents that it will be necessary for said Railroad to cross the Blandford Highway in the town of Chester by a trestle or bridge at a point about three hundred and seventy-five (375) feet from the junction of said highway with the Lee Highway.

That it will also be necessary to define, relocate and if necessary change the Lee and Blandford Highways in said town (Above crossing and relocation are shown on plan accompanying this petition dated Boston, June 23d, 1896, signed by J. B. Haviland, Engineer.).

That it will also be necessary to alter the course of the Lee Highway where the same passes in front of the Fay Property in said town (so-

called) in order to permit said Railroad to pass at the side of said highway without crossing same, and that said alteration will not injure said Highway (as shown on plan accompanying this Petition dated, Boston, June 18, 1896, signed by J. B. Haviland, Engineer.).

Wherefore your petitioner prays that your Honorable Board will determine the matters above set forth and will prescribe the manner and time of their performance, after due proceedings had in the premises.
Dated, August 5, 1896.

The Chester & Becket Railroad Company, by

J. A. Rumrill, President.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chester and Becket Railroad Company held at Boston on the 5th day of August, 1896, the foregoing petition to the County Commissioners of Hampden County was duly read and on motion the following resolution was adopted:-

"Resolved that the President of the Chester and Becket Railroad Company sign the aforesaid petition to the County Commissioners of Hampden County in the name of the said Chester and Becket Railroad Company, as its act."

Attest:-

Fred'k J. Collier,

Clerk C. & B. R. R. Co.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

October 7th, 1896.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the petition of the Chester and Becket Railroad Company, praying for the approval of method of crossing the Blandford highway and the relocation of said Blandford and Lee highway,-

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the eighth day of September, A. D. 1896, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that the method of crossing said highway by the Chester and Becket Railroad as proposed, be approved and said highway should be relocated.

And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the twenty-fourth day of September, 1896, as the time when they would proceed to approve of said proposed method of crossing said highway, and to relocate said highway.

And now said Commissioners approve of the method of crossing said highway by said Railroad in the manner following and relocate said Blandford and Lee highway as follows:-

-- Method of crossing the Blandford Highway by said Railroad. --

Blandford road is to be crossed by an overhead bridge. Bridge of iron, deck span, plate girder supported by stone abutment and wooden pier. Clear headroom 17 ft. right angle distance between supports 18 ft. as shown by a plan filed herewith marked "A" and made a part of this decree.

---- Relocation of Blandford and Lee Highway at "Fay's Mills" so-called.

Beginning at a point in the westerly side line of location of the Chester and Becket Railroad opposite Station 68+65.51 on the centre line of said railroad. Thence running N. 76° 12' W. 48.15 ft. to a stone bound; thence S. 8° 27' W. 156.28 ft. to a stone bound; thence S. 16° 49' W. 114.3 ft. to a stone bound; thence S. 78° 54' W. 62 ft. to a stone bound supposed to be in the old side line of street; thence S. 11° 06' E. about 66 ft. to bank of Walker Brook; thence easterly along bank of said Walker Brook about 80 ft.; thence northerly along said westerly side line of location of Chester and Becket Railroad about 320.4 feet to the point of beginning. A plan of said relocation is filed herewith marked "B" and made a part of this decree.

Relocation of Blandford and Lee Highway from its
junction with the Lee Highway.

Beginning at a stone bound on the right bank of Blandford Brook, about 103 ft. southwesterly from Station 105 + 43 on the centre line of the Chester and Becket Railroad. Thence running N. 19° 58' E. 181.75 ft. to a stone bound. Thence N. 4° 41' E. 235.35 ft. to a stone bound. Thence N. 21° 05' E. 368.13 ft. to a stone bound. Thence N. 11° 15' E. 111.50 to a stone bound. Thence N. 9° 21' E. 256.19 ft. to a stone bound. Thence N. 12° 04' E. 151.48 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 29° 17' E. 84.52 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 52° 42' E. 84.75 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 69° 08' E. 130.76 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 76° 54' E. 161.60 ft. to a stone bound; thence S. 83° 14' E. 162.30 ft. to a stone bound; thence S. 69° 53' E. 221.56 ft. to a stone bound;

thence S. 42° 19' E. 496 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 77° 41' E. 60 ft. to a stone bound near the present Lee road and distant 133.4 feet northeasterly from the northeast corner of the Coughlin Bridge so-called. The above described line is the upper or left hand side line of location. The said location being 50 feet in width from the point of beginning to the point where said location crosses the boundary line between the land of N. M. Broga and land of Mrs. Abigail Holmes. From said boundary line to the junction of said location with the present location of the Blandford and Lee Road, the said location covers and includes all the land lying between the above described side line of location and the Walker Brook.

A plan of this relocation is filed herewith marked "C" and made a part of this decree.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the 20th day of October next, to remove therefrom their wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows:- to wit:-

Abigail Holmes	\$30.00
N. M. Broga or A. E. Hart, Mortgagee }	75.00
William H. Robbins	15.00
Elie Macia	10.00

To be paid to them by said Chester and Becket Railroad Company when the land over which said highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the said Chester and Becket Railroad Company shall, on or before the first day of January, 1897, complete and finish the same, so that eighteen feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be six inches higher than the sides by a circular curved surface; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level, or a regularly inclined plane and the grade shall be as specified in the profile plans filed herewith.

Bridges shall be constructed of stone, iron or brick; drains and sluices shall be of the same material and of sufficient capacity at all places necessary for conducting away the water; and durable stone or iron monuments shall be placed at each end, and at each angle, in said described line. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the sides shall not exceed one foot perpendicular, to one and one-quarter feet horizontal. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

County Commissioners' Meeting.

Hampden, ss.

Oct. 8th, A.D. 1896.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Carl Battige et al.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Petrs. for private

Hampden, ss.

way in East

Petition for a Private Way.

Longmeadow.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden:-

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Your petitioners, Carl Battige of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and Cooper S. Robeson of East Longmeadow, in said County of Hampden, respectfully represent:- That they are seized in fee and possessed of adjoining parcels of real estate, situated in said East Longmeadow on the southwesterly side of the road from said Springfield to said East Longmeadow a short distance southeasterly from the point where said road is crossed by the track of the New-Yord and New-England Railroad; that the said Railroad took portions of said estates and laid out the same as a railroad track; that thus the said estates were cut in two, leaving the larger portion of each estate cut off from all access to any highway, and that the portions so cut off are of great value.

Your petitioners further represent that one J. J. Gerrard is seized in fee and possessed of land adjoining the said land of said Carl Battige

to the northwest and that the said land of said Gerrard extends for a few rods along the land of said railroad and thence along the highway.

Your petitioners further represent that July 6th, 1896 they duly petitioned the Selectmen of East Longmeadow as is hereinafter prayed, but that the said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant such prayer.

Wherefore, your petitioners pray, that your Honorable Board will take proper steps to lay out and have established a private way, beginning at the dividing line between the estates of said Robeson and said Battige, thence parallel to and adjoining the land of said Railroad over the land of said Battige and the land of said Gerrard to the said highway at the point where said railroad crosses said highway.

Carl Battige

Cooper S. Robeson

By their attorney, Charles H. Beckwith.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

October 6th, 1896.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the County Commissioners.

On the petition of Carl Battige and others, praying for a private way in East Longmeadow and representing that they had petitioned the Selectmen of said town to lay out said private way and they had unreasonably refused to grant the prayer of the petitioners,-

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the sixth day of October, A. D. 1896, view said private way and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said private way should be laid out and that the Selectmen of said town had unreasonably refused to lay out said private way: And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners lay out said private way in the manner following:-

The northerly line of the location of said private way is as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the westerly line of the

New York and New England Railroad location with the southwesterly line of the East Longmeadow highway near the crossing of said highway by the said Railroad and near an oak tree standing in or near the southwesterly line of said highway and thence running southerly on the westerly line of the location of said railroad southerly to land of Cooper S. Robeson about 560 feet.

The southerly line of said private way is sixteen and one-half (16 1/2) feet southerly from said northerly line measured at right angles thereto, running parallel therewith northerly to said East Longmeadow highway.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of November next, to remove therefrom their wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said private way, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To J. J. Gerrard, - - - - - \$12.00

To be paid to him by the petitioners, Carl Battige and Cooper S. Robeson, when the land over which the private way is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said private way.

The petitioners are to protect the land of said J. J. Gerrard by a gate or pair of bars at the entrances of said private way upon said land.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

County Commissioners' Meeting.

Hampden, ss.

Oct. 7th, A.D. 1896.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a private way forever.

Attest:

Robert O. Morris, - Clerk.

October 6, 1896. Contract awarded H. L. Niles & Co. for furnishing the Jail and the House of Correction with provisions for the year ensuing.

Corned beef, per 100 lbs.	\$2.35
Salt pork, 6 cts. per lb.	.06
Shank beef, 2 cts. per lb.	.02

Contract awarded
H. L. Niles & Co.
for furnishing Jail
and House of Correct-
ions with provisions

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

that we Timothy M. Brown, William H. Brainerd and James M. Sickman, County Commissioners of Hampden County of the State of Massachusetts, in our capacity of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said County under Chapter 205 of the Acts of said State of 1875, in consideration of one dollar paid by the Inhabitants of the town of Westfield, a municipal corporation located in said County of Hampden the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby remise, release, and forever QUITCLAIM unto the said Inhabitants of the town of Westfield, all that part of the tract of land, known as the "County Lot" situate on the easterly side of Montgomery street in said Westfield, lying northerly of a straight line, described as follows to wit:-

Beginning at a stone monument on the easterly side of Montgomery St. eighty-eight and six tenths (88.6) feet southerly from a stone monument set in the ground at the southwest corner of land of the grantee, known as the "Prospect Hill School-house lot" and at the northerly angle of the east side of Montgomery St. as laid out by the County Commissioners Dec. 7, 1875, and running thence in a straight line at right angles with Montgomery St. south sixty-three (63) degrees east to an iron pin set in the ground in the line of division between said County lot and said School-house Lot about 138 76/100 feet from said starting point.

It is the intention of the parties hereto by this deed and another deed of even date herewith by the grantee herein to the grantors to establish the division line between said "County Lot" and said "School-house Lot" on a line running from the starting point above described at right angles to Montgomery St. on a course of south sixty-three degrees east (S. 63° E.) to the location of the New Haven and Northampton Company.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Inhabitants of the town of Westfield and their successors and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever.

DEED.

The Commissioners of
the Sinking Fund of
Hampden County.

to

The Inhabitants of
the town of Westfield.

And we do hereby, for ourselves and our successors covenant with the said grantee and its successors and assigns that the granted premises are free from all incumbrances made or suffered by us and that we will and our successors shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the same to the said grantee and its successors and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by, through, or under us but against none other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we the said Timothy M. Brown, Wm. H. Brainerd and James S. Sickman in our capacity of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of Hampden County as aforesaid hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty-third day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Signed, sealed and delivered	{ Timothy M. Brown seal	{ County Commissioners and Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.
in presence of	{ W. H. Brainerd seal	
Chas. N. Oakes for all	{ J. M. Sickman seal	

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Hampden, ss. October 23, 1896. Then personally appeared the above-named Timothy M. Brown, Wm. H. Brainerd and Jas. M. Sickman and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed, before me-

Chas. N. Oakes,

Justice of the Peace.

Nov. 2, 1896, 9 h. 30 m. A. M. Received and entered with Hampden County Deeds, book 558 page 452.

Attest:- James R. Wells, Register.

DEED

The Inhabitants of
the town of
Westfield

to

The Commissioners of
the Sinking Fund of
the County of
Hampden.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

that the Inhabitants of the town of Westfield, a municipal corporation, located in the County of Hampden and State of Massachusetts in consideration of one dollar paid by Timothy M. Brown, William H. Brainerd and James M. Sickman, County Commissioners, in their capacity of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said County under Chapter 205 of the Acts of 1875 of said State, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby remise, release, and forever QUITCLAIM unto the said Brown, Brainerd and Sickman, in their said capacity, all that part of the tract of land known as the "Prospect Hill School-house Lot" situate on the

easterly side of Montgomery St. in said Westfield, lying southerly of a straight line described as follows, to wit:-

Beginning at an iron pin set in the ground in the division line between said School-house lot and the "County Lot" (so-called) one hundred and thirty-eight and seventy-six one hundredths (138.76) feet distant at right angles with Montgomery St. (measured from a stone monument on the east side of said street distant southerly eighty-eight and six tenths (88.6) feet from another stone monument at the southwesterly corner of said "School-house Lot") and on a course of S. 63° E. and running from said iron pin south sixty-three degrees east (S. 63° E.) to the location of the New Haven and Northampton Company.

It is the intention of the parties hereto by this deed and another deed of even date herewith by the grantees herein to the grantor to establish the division line between said "County Lot" and said "School-house Lot" on a straight line running from said stone monument on the easterly side of said street 88.6 feet southerly from said southwesterly corner of said "School-house Lot", at right angles with said street and on a course of S. 63° E. to the location of the New Haven and Northampton Company.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Grantees and their successors and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever.

And we do hereby, for ourselves and our successors covenant with the said grantees and their successors and assigns that the granted premises are free from all incumbrances made or suffered by us and that we will and our successors shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the same to the said grantees and their successors and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by, through, or under us but against none other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Inhabitants of the town of Westfield by their Selectmen duly authorized hereto hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty-third day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Signed, sealed and delivered	{	Orrin A. Granger seal	{	Board of
in presence of	{	Thomas B. Moseley seal	{	Selectmen of the
Chas. N. Oakes for all.	{	James P. Freeman seal	{	town of Westfield
				and Seal.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. Westfield, Oct. 24, 1896. Then personally appeared the above-named Orrin A. Granger, Thomas B. Moseley and James P. Freeman and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed,

before me,- Chas. N. Oakes,

Justice of the Peace.

Nov. 2, 1896, 9 h. 30 m. A. M. Received and entered with Hampden County Deeds, book 558 page 453.

Attest:- James R. Wells, Register.

Mayor and Aldermen
of Springfield
Petrs. for Removal
of Police Court to
Police Department.

To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents the undersigned Newrie D. Winter, Mayor of the City of Springfield, and in accordance with a vote of the City Council, passed October 5, 1896, respectfully petitions the removal of the Police Court in said city from the Court-house to the Police Headquarters on Court Street, a copy of said vote of said City Council is made a part of this petition.

City Hall, Nov. 4, 1896.

Newrie D. Winter, Mayor.

City of Springfield.

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 5, 1896.

ORDERED, if the Common Council concur, That the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to petition the County Commissioners in behalf of the City of Springfield for the transfer of the Police Court from the Court-house to the Police Headquarters on Court Street, said City of Springfield to be represented at the hearing on said petition by its Mayor or some one by him designated.

Read, passed and sent down for concurrence.

E. A. Newell, Clerk.

Common Council, Oct. 12, 1896. Read and concurred.

W. E. Gilbert, Clerk.

Approved, Oct. 13, 1896.

N. D. Winter, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:-

E. A. Newell, City Clerk.

ORDER of NOTICE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

November 4, 1896.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

Upon the petition aforesaid notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners will meet all parties interested, at the Court-house in Springfield in said county Wednesday the ninth day of December next at two o'clock in the afternoon. And that notice of the time and place of hearing be given to the city of Springfield the towns of Agawam, West Springfield, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Hampden and Wilbraham the city and towns comprising the Judicial District of said Court.

By order of the County Commissioners.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:-

We, the undersigned, members of the Hampden County Bar, respectfully represent that in the matter of the petition of the mayor and Aldermen for the removal of the Police Court to the building of the Police Department, it was generally understood that only the criminal business of said court was intended to be so removed. We believe there are serious objections to a removal of the civil business, at least, to said building. We therefore ask that the hearing in said matter be reopened.

Springfield, Mass. Dec. 12th, 1896.

James B. Carroll and others, Petitioners.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

December 14, 1896.

Upon the petition aforesaid, notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners will meet all parties interested at the Court-house in Springfield in said county, on Thursday the seventeenth day of December current, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

By order of the County Commissioners.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

Dec. 17, 1896

On petition of Newrie D. Winter, Mayor of the City of Springfield, made in accordance with a vote of the City Council of said city, passed October 5, 1896, asking for the removal of the Police Court in said city from the Court-house to the Police Headquarters on Court street in said

James B. Carroll

et als. Petrs.

Regarding the removal
of Police Court.

Decree of the

County Commissioners

city, due notice of a hearing thereon, to be held at the Court-house in said Springfield on Wednesday, the ninth day of December current at 2 o'clock P.M., having been given to the City of Springfield and the towns of Agawam, West Springfield, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Hampden and Wilbraham, being the city and towns comprising the Judicial District of said Court, the County Commissioners of said County (the full board being present) did at said time and place, hear all parties who wished to be heard on said petition, and, no one appearing to object to the granting of the request of said petition, declared the hearing closed. On the 12th day of said December, a petition signed by James B. Carroll, Esq. and thirty-seven others was filed with said Board, setting forth that "it was generally understood that only the criminal business of said Court was intended to be so removed," and asking "that the hearing in said matter be re-opened:" Pursuant to the request in said petition the said Board re-opened said matter and appointed a hearing thereon on Thursday, the seventeenth day of said December, at the same place at 10 o'clock A.M., due notice of which was given by advertisement. At said time and place, said Board all being present, did hold a hearing on the subject matter of both petitions, and after hearing all parties who wished to be heard thereon, declared the hearing closed.

And now said Board of County Commissioners, after considering the matters in question, do hereby order:

That the County of Hampden provide and designate the second story of the building situate on Court street in said Springfield, owned by the City of Springfield and known as the Police Headquarters or Police Department, as the suitable place required by law for the Police Court of Springfield to hold its sittings for the transaction of civil and criminal business on and after February first, 1897; and thereafter the room known as the Police Court Room in the Court-house in said Springfield, hitherto used by said Court for its sittings, be not provided by said County for that purpose.

T. M. Brown

J. M. Sickman

W. H. Brainerd

County

Commissioners.

CITY of SPRINGFIELD.

In Board of Aldermen, November 9, 1896.

ORDERED, if the Common Council concur, That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to offer and grant to the County a lease for the term of Ten years of the rooms in the Police Building designed for the Police Court, with heat and light and a fire proof vault or safe for the storage and preservation of the records, provided it shall be determined to remove the sessions of the said Court to said building.

The rental of said premises to be free of expense to the County.

Read, passed and sent down for concurrence.

E. A. Newell, Clerk.

Common Council, Nov. 9, 1896. Read and Concurred.

Wm. E. Gilbert, Clerk.

Approved Nov. 10, 1896.

Newrie D. Winter, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:- E. A. Newell, City Clerk.

THIS INDENTURE, made the twenty-first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six,

WITNESSETH, That The City of Springfield by authority of the City Council do hereby lease, demise, and let unto The County of Hampden, the police court room so-called with its appurtenant office and Judge's room situated in the building of the police department so-called, for the purposes of the Police Court of the City of Springfield

TO HOLD FOR the term of Ten Years from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven yielding and paying therefor the rent of One Dollar the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged

And said Lessee do promise to quit and deliver up the premises to the Lessor, or its attorney peaceably and quietly, at the end of the term, in as good order and condition, reasonable use and wearing thereof, fire and other unavoidable casualties excepted, as the same now are, or may be put into by the said Lessor, and not make or suffer any waste thereof; nor lease, nor under-let, nor permit any other person or persons to occupy or improve the same, or make or suffer to be made any alteration therein, but with the approbation of the Lessor thereto, in writing, having been first obtained; and that the Lessor may enter to view and make improvements, and to expel the Lessee, if he make or suffer any strip or waste thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties have hereunto interchangeably

Order of the City
Government granting a
Lease for the
Police Court.

LEASE.

set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed, and	}	Newrie D. Winter, Mayor. (Seal.)	}	
Delivered in presence of		T. M. Brown		County
E. A. Newell.		J. M. Sickman		Commissioners, (Seal.)
		W. H. Brainerd		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. December 22, 1896. Then the above-named City of Springfield by its Mayor duly authorized acknowledged the within instrument to be its free act and deed before me,

Elijah A. Newell,

Justice of the Peace.

Hampden County Registry of Deeds. Dec. 31, 1896. Received 11 h. 35 m. A. M. Recorded in Book 553 Page 513.

Attest:- James R. Wells, Register.

Land Damages.
\$745.

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of seven hundred and forty-five dollars, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

To the Ludlow Manfg. Co. on petition of Wm. M. Green et als.	\$ 55.00
To Mrs. Michael Powers or heirs of Michael Powers on petition of Wm. M. Green et als.	600.00
To Adolph Weber on petition of T. A. Rogers	50.00
To Anna M. Aschenbach (On same petition)	20.00
To Henry Barstow (On same petition)	20.00

Allowance for
Damages done to
Sheep.

The sum of two hundred twenty-one dollars and seventy-five cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to Dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

October Meeting, 1896

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

Nov. 13th, 1896.

It being made to appear to said County Commissioners that the appropriation for interest is exhausted, it is hereby ordered that the County Treasurer make payment out of any money in the County Treasury, for any interest legally due from the County.

T. M. Brown

J. M. Sickman

W. H. Brainerd

County

Commissioners.

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of sixteen thousand two hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts.

\$16,249.52

Hampden, ss. December 17th, 1896.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty-second day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty-sixth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, T. M. Brown, Esq., Chairman

Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.

Jas. M. Sickman, Esq.

County
Commissioners.

and by adjournment on the sixth, twelfth and twenty-first days of January, on the third day of February, third day of March and seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, T. M. Brown, Esq. Chairman

Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.

Jas. M. Sickman, Esq.

County
Commissioners.

William H. Brainerd of Palmer, having been declared by the Board of Examiners, elected County Commissioner for the term of three years, and having been duly sworn, appears on said sixth day of January, and the Board consisting of Timothy M. Brown, Wm. H. Brainerd and James M. Sickman Esquires, proceed to the choice of a chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three, of which, Timothy M. Brown, Esquire, has two, and is chosen chairman of the Board for the year ensuing.

Henry W. Wheeler,
(Petr. for abatement
of Taxes.)
vs.
Town of West
Springfield.

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To the County Commissioners of Hampden county:-

Respectfully represents Henry B. Wheeler of Palmer in said county that he served in the military service of the United States in the war of the rebellion in Co. F 8th Regt. Vermont Vols., and was honorably discharged therefrom, and that while in said service and in the line of duty he received injury and contracted disease by which he has become permanently incapacitated for the performance of manual labor to an extent equivalent to the loss of a hand or foot; that he is the owner of certain real estate situate in the town of West Springfield in said county, and that his whole estate real and personal does not exceed in value the sum of five thousand dollars, exclusive of property otherwise exempted under the provisions of law; that he is aggrieved by the taxes.

assessed upon him by the assessors of said West Springfield for the year 1896 upon said real estate in said town of West Springfield; that he duly applied to said assessors for an abatement of the taxes assessed upon him as aforesaid, upon the grounds as above stated and said assessors within one month before the filing of this petition have refused to make any abatement of said taxes and did find and adjudge that he was not disabled sufficiently to entitle him to an exemption on account thereof, and being aggrieved because of said finding and judgment he appeals to your Honorable Body and prays that a hearing may be had before you and that such abatement of his said taxes may be made as your petitioner is entitled to under the laws of the Commonwealth.

October 22d, 1896.

Henry B. Wheeler, Petitioner.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, of the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given; and said petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Your petitioners inhabitants of the town of Longmeadow, in said county, respectfully represent that Main street, in said Longmeadow is a public highway and county road; that public necessity and convenience require that said street be altered and located anew from the northeast corner of the school-house lot of former district No. 3, southerly to the road leading from said highway, at a point just southerly of Albert E. Allen's house, westerly to the meadows.

Chas. S. Newell and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following

Chas. S. Newell et al.
Petr. for alteration
of highway in
Longmeadow.

43.

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Page 25.

location report:-

No. 43. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. Dec. 22, 1896.

On the petition of Charles S. Newell and others, praying for a highway called Main street to be altered and located anew in Longmeadow in this county, it appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the ninth day of December A. D. 1896, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be altered and located anew. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the twenty-second day of December 1896, as the time when they would proceed to alter and locate anew said highway.

And now said Commissioners alter and locate anew said highway known as Main street in the manner following:-

Description of the westerly line of Main street in Longmeadow
in this county as altered and relocated. Dec. 22, 1896.

From the northeast corner of the school-house lot of former district No. 3 southerly to the road leading from said highway at a point just southerly of Albert E. Allen's house, westerly to the meadows.

Beginning at a stone monument in the westerly line of said Main street (the same being the northeasterly corner of former school district lot No. 3) and thence running S. 28' W. about seven hundred and eighty (780) feet to a stone monument. Thence S. 11° 58' W. about two hundred and fifty-eight (258) feet to a stone monument in the present westerly line of said Main street.

The easterly line of said Main street opposite the westerly line as above described is to remain as at present and is not altered or changed hereby.

A plan of this alteration and location anew is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

County Commissioners' Meeting.

Hampden, ss. December 26, A. D. 1896.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered

that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE and TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Boston, September 29, 1896.

Chairman Brown, .

Hampden County Comm.

Dear sir:-

The cost to install (8) eight telephones in the County Court-house at Springfield, Mass. will be including Desk Equipment at all stations, \$58.00 the wiring being the property of Hampden County as soon as the installation is complete; and we will lease 8 stations complete, including telephones, desk stands, push buttons, bells, batteries, and care and maintenance, at an annual rental of \$62.00 payable quarterly in advance, or we will lease the above equipment complete, but without care for the sum of \$38.00 per annum, on a rental without care we will replace any leased apparatus, charging, however for the man's time while making such change.

Trusting this will meet with your approval, and that we will receive your order.

I remain, very truly yours,

H. D. Stebbins, Mgr.

Priv. Line Dept., by C. M. Pihl.

Indorsement:-

We hereby accept this proposition with the care of the apparatus.

T. M. Brown

J. M. Sickman

W. H. Brainerd

Proposal for House
Telephones for the
Court-house and
Acceptance.

Order for Transfer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Springfield, December 31, 1896.

Whereas in the judgment of the County Commissioners the interests of the County of Hampden demand an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by law for interest owed by said county, said County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to expend the sum of eleven hundred and sixty-seven 65/100 dollars (\$1167 65/100) in addition to the amount authorized by law for the purpose aforesaid, this amount being transferred from receipts for interest by the county.

The reasons for such transfer are that the appropriation authorized for the purpose aforesaid is exhausted, and that it appears that the appropriation was made not in excess of receipts, while the estimate was made in excess of receipts.

Timothy M. Brown)

J. M. Sickman)

W. H. Brainerd)

County
Commissioners.Order for Transfer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Springfield, December 31, 1896.

Whereas in the judgment of the County Commissioners the interests of the County of Hampden demand an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by law for salaries and expenses, district and police courts in said county, said County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to expend the sum of thirty-three hundred and seventy-eight 15/100 dollars (\$3378 15/100) in addition to the amount authorized by law for the purpose aforesaid, being the amount of receipts under said items.

The reasons for such transfer are that the appropriation authorized for the purpose aforesaid is exhausted, and that the estimate was made in excess of receipts and the appropriation was not made in excess of receipts.

Timothy M. Brown)

J. M. Sickman)

W. H. Brainerd)

County
Commissioners.

Order for Transfer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Springfield, December 31, 1896.

Whereas in the judgment of the County Commissioners the interests of the County of Hampden demand an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by law for criminal costs in Superior Court in excess of receipts in said county, said County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to expend the sum of ninety-two 20/100 dollars (\$92.20) in addition to the amount authorized by law for the purpose aforesaid.

The reasons for such transfer are that the appropriation authorized for the purpose aforesaid is exhausted, and that the Court has ordered this amount paid.

Timothy M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting. January 6, 1897.

In conformity to the provisions of Chapter 384 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth,

CHRISTINE LAW of Springfield, in said county, is hereby appointed Clerk pro tempore of said Board of County Commissioners until the first Wednesday of January, 1898.

T. M. Brown	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. Jan. 6, 1897.

Then personally appeared the above named CHRISTINE LAW and made solemn oath that she would faithfully and impartially perform all the duties incumbent upon her by virtue of the foregoing appointment.

T. M. Brown, Justice of --- Peace.

CHRISTINE LAW
appointed Clerk
pro tempore.

Acts of 1896,
Chapter 384.

Apportionment of
Dog Tax.

The County Commissioners having apportioned the moneys received under the provision of the Statutes relative to dogs, not otherwise expended, order that the same amounting to the sum of nine thousand five hundred and ninety-six dollars and fifty-two cents, be paid to the Treasurers of the several cities and towns of the county, in the proportions following, viz:-

To the Treasurer of Agawam,	\$ 215.52
To the Treasurer of Blandford,	127.00
To the Treasurer of Brimfield,	157.79
To the Treasurer of Chester,	175.38
To the Treasurer of Chicopee,	802.14
To the Treasurer of East Longmeadow,	130.86
To the Treasurer of Granville	158.89
To the Treasurer of Hampden,	142.94
To the Treasurer of Holland,	35.74
To the Treasurer of Holyoke,	1,583.93
To the Treasurer of Longmeadow,	42.33
To the Treasurer of Ludlow,	194.07
To the Treasurer of Monson,	427.73
To the Treasurer of Montgomery,	40.68
To the Treasurer of Palmer,	450.27
To the Treasurer of Russell,	87.42
To the Treasurer of Southwick,	161.09
To the Treasurer of Springfield,	3,124.99
To the Treasurer of Tolland,	65.42
To the Treasurer of Wales,	82.47
To the Treasurer of Westfield,	802.14
To the Treasurer of West Springfield,	443.13
To the Treasurer of Wilbraham,	144.59
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	\$9,596.52

January 6, 1897. VOTED,-

That the regular monthly meetings of the Board be held at nine o'clock A. M. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Court-house.

Vote regarding
monthly meetings.

January 21, 1897. VOTED,-

That Mr. Edward Walther of Holyoke be employed to make a large map of the county under the supervision of Mr. James M. Sickman.

Vote regarding a
county map.

February 3, 1897. VOTED,-

That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the sum of five thousand dollars on account to the State Treasurer for the construction of State highways for eighteen hundred and ninety-four, from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for highways for eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Vote regarding the
payment of \$5000.
for State Highways.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting. February 3d, 1897.

VOTED:-

That M. WELLS BRIDGE, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the county and in anticipation of the county Tax, a sum of money not exceeding ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$100,000.) and to make, execute and deliver a note, or notes to that amount, payable November 5th, 1897, to the order of Rogers, Newman & Tolman, and to pay interest thereon at a rate not exceeding three and fourteen hundredths (3.14) per cent per annum.

County Treasurer
authorized to borrow
in anticipation of
County Tax.

T. M. Brown

J. M. Sickman

W. H. Brainerd

County
Commissioners.

County Estimate.

Estimate by the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden of the Taxes needed by said county for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897. Also, Statement of county Debt, Taxes Due and Unpaid, etc.

<u>Items.</u>	<u>Estimate Appropriation</u>	
	<u>for 1897.</u>	<u>for 1896.</u>
1. Interest on county debt,	\$ 14,000.	\$ 14,000.
2. Reduction of county debt,	21,000.	21,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law,	12,000.	12,000.
4. Clerical assistance in county offices, in excess of receipts,	2,000.	5,000.
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts, in excess of receipts,	19,000.	19,500.
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, in excess of receipts,	24,000.	25,500.
7. Criminal costs in Superior Court, in excess of receipts,	4,500.	1,000.
8. Civil expenses in Supreme and Superior Courts,	24,000.	24,000.
9. Expenses for State Highways for 1894,	6,000.	
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners,	200.	200.
11. Medical examiners, inquests and commitment of the insane,	5,000.	4,500.
12. Auditors, masters and referees,	2,000.	2,000.
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings,	13,000.	8,000.
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county build- ings, other than jails and houses of correction,	9,000.	8,000.
16. Highways, bridges and land damages, in excess of receipts,	8,000.	8,500.
17. Law Libraries,	2,000.	2,000.
18. Truant schools, in excess of receipts,	5,000.	6,000.
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses, in excess of receipts,	4,300.	3,800.
Total,	\$175,000.	\$165,000.

Items.	Additional Expenditures	
	Receipts in 1896.	in 1896.
1. Interest on county debt,	\$ 1,167.65	\$ 14,910.05
2. Reduction of county debt,		21,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law,		11,800.
4. Clerical assistance in county offices, in excess of receipts,	9,567.15	8,548.64
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts, in excess of receipts,	3,378.15	20,361.20
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, in excess of receipts,	5,420.40	21,014.92
7. Criminal costs in Superior Court, in excess of receipts,	92.20 1,810.48	2,902.68
8. Civil expenses in Supreme and Superior Courts,		22,627.15
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners,		139.77
11. Medical examiners, inquests and commitment of the insane,		4,472.29
12. Auditors, masters and referees,		1,572.16
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings,		6,834.10
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction,		7,733.73
16. Highways, bridges and land damages, in excess of receipts,		2,871.79
17. Law Libraries,		1,974.10
18. Truant schools, in excess of receipts,	1,648.66	4,755.91
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses, in excess of receipts,	184.89	3,910.48
Total,	\$23,269.58	\$157,428.97

<u>Items.</u>	<u>Due and unpaid 1896.</u>
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law,	\$ 120.
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts, in excess of receipts,	24.
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners,	5.92
11. Medical examiners, inquests and commitment of the insane,	117.19
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings,	4,731.36
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county build- ings, other than jails and houses of correction,	86.75
16. Highways, bridges and land damages, in excess of receipts,	321.02
17. Law Libraries,	70.05
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses, in excess of receipts,	19.35
Total,	\$5,495.64

<u>Amount of county debt, viz.</u>	<u>When due.</u>	<u>Rate of</u>	<u>Amounts.</u>
<u>Permanent loans,</u>		<u>Interest.</u>	
7 \$10,000. notes, one due each year,	1st Jan. 1897 in 1902.	7%	\$ 70,000.
1 note due National Bank of Redemption,	Feb. 29, 1897.	3 3/4%	11,000.
200 bonds,	Aug. 1, 1905.	3%	200,000.
			\$281,000.

Loans in anticipation of taxes, None.

Taxes due and unpaid, viz.:— Town or city of --- None.

Timothy M. Brown, Chairman.

1. This item was transferred to appropriation for items No. 1. *Interest on county debt.*
2. This item of receipts was transferred to Item No. 5 the appropriation not being in excess of receipts.
3. The sum of \$92.20 was transferred to this item from unappropriated funds as the appropriation was not sufficient to pay the bills that came in against this item.
4. There is a pretty sure prospect of one capital trial and a possibility of two more during the current year, at present.

- 5. There has been a large increase of bills for this item each year, and quite a number for last year have not been sent in and we don't know what they amount to.
- 6. Quite a number of bills for making and furnishing a new court room and jury consultation rooms have not been paid because the appropriation was not sufficient. These alterations were called for after our estimates were made last year.
- 7. We think our estimate last year came too near the amount of expenditure. A slight rise in the price of fuel or a longer term of court would leave us short of funds to pay necessary bills.
- 8. We have increased this item to meet expenses occasioned by accidents and unforeseen liabilities.
- 9. These bills were contracted in 1896, but did not come in till 1897. There are doubtless more bills contracted in 1896 that have not come in.

T. M. Brown, Chairman.

The sum of twenty-seven dollars and ninety cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Allowance for Damages
done to Sheep.

March 3, 1897. VOTED,
to release damages incurred by the laying out
by the city of Springfield of the South End Boulevard (so-called) according to plans in the City Engineer's office, No. 1161.

Release of Damages.

March 3, 1897.
On the petition of Arthur E. Fitch Clerk of the
District Court of Eastern Hampden that his office be made a part of the
Clerk's office for said Court, it was voted,-

District Court of
Eastern Hampden
Clerk's Office.

That the whole of the second story of the Bank building now used in part by the District Court of Eastern Hampden be designated for the use of said Court, provided that no increase in the rent of said premises be charged to said county.

Joel H. Hendrick
appointed
County Commissioner.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. March 24th, 1897.

WHEREAS a vacancy occurs in the office of County Commissioners in said county, by reason of the death of Timothy M. Brown, the two remaining County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Courts for said county, deeming it expedient and for the interest of the public do hereby appoint Joel H. Hendrick of Springfield, in said county, as a suitable person to fill such vacancy, who shall exercise all the powers and be subject to all the disabilities which pertain to such office under the Statutes of this Commonwealth, and the said Joel H. Hendrick shall hold his said office of County Commissioner, until a person is duly elected to the office and qualified.

J. M. Sickman, } County
W. H. Brainerd, } Commissioners.
Robert O. Morris, Clerk of the Courts.

Accounts.

\$ 25,298.86

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of twenty-five thousand two hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-six cents are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Hampden, ss. April 7th, 1897.

Judgment is entered up according to reports etc., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the thirteenth day of said month, and by adjournment on the fifth and twenty-eighth days of May, and on the second, fourth and eighth days of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, "	
Joel H. Hendrick, "	

Resolutions of the County Commissioners adopted at a meeting, held on the thirteenth day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Resolutions passed upon the death of Timothy M. Brown

TIMOTHY M. BROWN, Esquire, late chairman of this Board, died suddenly on the thirteenth day of March last.

His ripe judgment, sterling character, firm and conscientious discharge of official duty, and his eminently social qualities, won the regard of his fellow commissioners, who feel that in his death they sustain the loss of an able associate, and the county, of a valuable public servant.

ORDERED, that this memorial record be extended upon the records of the county, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and that in token of respect for his memory, the Board of County Commissioners do now adjourn.

W. H. Brainerd,	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman,	
J. H. Hendrick,	

Hampden, ss.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The County Commissioners for the county of Hampden having viewed and carefully examined throughout, the highway in Southwick, in said county, repaired and ordered upon the petition of C. H. Saunders and others, and having found the same well made constructed and complet-

Acceptance of Highway in Southwick.

ed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, we do hereby accept the same.

Witness our hands this fifth day of May, A. D. 1897.

W. H. Brainerd	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
J. H. Hendrick		

Order for payment of
\$1000. to the town of
Southwick

Hampden, ss.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County Commissioners' Meeting, May 5th, 1897.

In the matter of the petition of C. H. Saunders and others for specific repairs on a highway in Southwick:-

ORDERED,- That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be paid from the County Treasury to said town of Southwick as a part of the expense incurred by said town for repairing said highway.

W. H. Brainerd	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
J. H. Hendrick		

County Tax Assessed.

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session granting a tax of one hundred and sixty-four thousand four hundred dollars (\$164400.) for the county of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said county, in manner following,

Agawam,	\$ 1,852.97	
Blandford,	617.66	
Brimfield,	583.34	
Chester,	892.17	
Chicopee,	11,392.36	
East Longmeadow,	960.80	
Granville,	514.72	
Hampden,	549.03	
Holland,	137.26	
Holyoke,	37,334.00	
Longmeadow,	857.86	
Ludlow,	1,475.52	
Monson,	2,745.15	
Montgomery,	205.89	
Palmer,	3,980.46	
Russell,	686.30	
Southwick,	754.91	
Springfield,	80,535.73	
Tolland,	205.90	
Wales,	411.77	
Westfield,	10,877.64	
West Springfield,	5,661.86	
Wilbraham,	1,166.70	\$ 164,400.00

And warrants have been issued dated May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns and cities in said county directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and to cause the amount so collected to be paid into the County Treasury.

June 2, 1897.

The contract for furnishing the Court-house and Jail with ice during the ensuing year, was awarded E. O. Doton, for fifteen cents per hundred pounds at the Court-house, and ten cents per hundred pounds at the Jail.

E. O. Doton awarded
contract for Ice at
Court-house and Jail.

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same, amounting to the sum of nine thousand two hundred dollars and seventy-eight cents, are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts.
\$9,200.78

Hampden, ss. June 8th, 1897.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty-second day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty-ninth day of said month, on the second and seventh days of July, the fourth day of August, and on the first and seventeenth days of September, and on the first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. Chairman	County Commissioners
James M. Sickman, "	
Joel H. Hendrick, "	

Walter M. Green et
als. Petrs. for new
highway in Wilbraham

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To the County Commissioners, Hampden County.

Gentlemen, The undersigned citizens of the town of Wilbraham in said county, hereby petition your Honorable Board to lay a road on the following location:- Beginning on the westerly side of the Stony Hill road near the westerly termini of the State road in said town of Wilbraham and running westerly to some suitable point on the Boston road.

Walter M. Green and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, June 22d, 1897.

On the Petition of Walter M. Green and others, praying for a highway to be laid out in Wilbraham,- It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the eighth day of June, A. D. 1897, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that said highway should be laid out. And at the time of said view, no person interested objected, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commis-

sioners appointed the twenty-second day of June, current, as the time when they would proceed to lay out said highway. And now said Commissioners lay out said highway in the manner following:-

Beginning at a granite stone bound at the intersection of the easterly line of Stony Hill road so-called, with the southerly line of the newly located Boston road, so-called, and running thence S. 86 degrees W. five hundred and seventy-two and six tenths feet, (572.6) to a granite stone bound on the southerly side of the Boston road.

Said road being laid out fifty feet in width and northerly of the above described line.

And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To the heirs of Michael Powers,	\$125.00
to be paid to them out of the County Treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.	

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Wilbraham shall, on or before the first day of September, 1897, complete and finish the same, so that 20 feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be six inches higher than the sides by a circular, curved surface. The grade of said highway shall be in conformity with profile shown on plan filed herewith. Drains and sluices shall be of stone or brick and of sufficient capacity at all places necessary for conducting away water, and the whole work shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

W. H. Brainerd,	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman,		
J. H. Hendrick,		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, June 22d, 1897.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ord-

ered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

F. F. Mosley et als.
Petr. to have
Highway in Westfield
located anew.

22.

Book of Plans, II.
Pages 38, 39 & 40.

To the County Commissioners of Hampden county:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned, inhabitants of Westfield in said county, that necessity and convenience require that that portion of Main street in said Westfield lying between the school-house on said street and "Iron Bridge", so-called, be laid out and located anew, and that its boundary lines upon the northerly side thereof be established and monumented, and the course thereof be altered:

Wherefore they pray that you view said street and lay out and locate the said portion of said street anew, and establish the bounds of and monument said side, as to you necessity and convenience seem to require.

F. F. Mosley and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Hampden, ss.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Aug. 10, 1897.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the Petition of F. F. Mosley et als., praying for a highway to be located anew in Westfield.

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 29th day of June A. D. 1897, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be located anew. And at the time of said view, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the 30th day of July 1897, as the time when they would proceed to locate anew said highway, and gave due notice as the law directs.

And now said Commissioners locate anew said highway in the manner following:-

Description of South Line of Street.

Commencing at a stone monument in front of property of Ephraim Noble thence running south $49^{\circ} 3'$ east two hundred and seventy-four and sixteen hundredths (274.16) feet to an iron monument in the division line between property of Doherty Bros. and F. E. Lay; thence south $56^{\circ} 06 \frac{1}{2}'$ east one hundred and eighty-four and two hundredths (184.02) feet to a stone monument; thence south $62^{\circ} 56 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and thirty and sixty-five hundredths (230.65) feet to a stone monument; thence south $69^{\circ} 52 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and fifty-eight and four tenths (258.4) feet to a stone monument near the westerly line of Cross street; thence south $76^{\circ} 40 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and seventy-three and nine tenths (273.9) feet to a stone monument; thence south $71^{\circ} 19 \frac{1}{2}'$ east one hundred and seventy-four (174) feet to a stone monument in front of property of Lyman Loomis; thence south $63^{\circ} 42 \frac{1}{2}'$ east one hundred and fifty-two and sixty-one hundredths (152.61) feet to a stone monument; thence south $54^{\circ} 56 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and fifty-three and sixty-four hundredths (253.64) feet to a stone monument; thence south $53^{\circ} 55 \frac{1}{2}'$ east six hundred and seventeen and seven tenths (617.7) feet to a stone monument at the westerly end of a change of location by the County Commissioners April 6th 1854; thence passing over said location south $51^{\circ} 41'$ east two hundred and ninety-seven and four hundredths (297.04) feet to a stone monument in division line between Charles Culver's property and property of J. Wells Loomis; thence south $34^{\circ} 38'$ east eighty-eight (88) feet to a stone monument; thence south $19^{\circ} 35'$ east ninety-five and one tenth (95.1) feet to a stone monument; thence south $16^{\circ} 37'$ east about one hundred and forty (140) feet to the Westfield Little river.

Description of the North Line of Street.

Commencing at an iron monument in the easterly line of White street; thence running south $25^{\circ} 49 \frac{1}{2}'$ east one hundred and seven and seven tenths (107.7) feet to a stone monument; thence on a curve to the left, of radius one hundred and forty-nine and eighty-six hundredths (149.86) feet, fifty-two and four tenths (52.4) feet to a stone monument; thence south $45^{\circ} 51 \frac{1}{2}'$ east one hundred and thirty and thirty-five hundredths (130.35) feet to a stone monument; thence south $56^{\circ} 06 \frac{1}{2}'$ east one hundred and seventy-five and fifty-five hundredths (175.55) feet to a stone monument; thence south $62^{\circ} 56 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and twenty-two

and twenty-three hundredths (222.23) feet to a stone monument; thence south $69^{\circ} 52 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and fifty and fourteen hundredths (250.14) feet to a stone monument; thence south $76^{\circ} 40 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and twenty-two and twenty-nine hundredths (222.29) feet to a stone monument; thence on a curve to the left, of radius twenty and seventy-eight hundredths (20.78) feet twenty-five (25) feet to an iron monument on the westerly line of Meadow street.

Then commencing at a stone monument on the easterly line of Meadow street, running southerly on a curve to the left, of radius thirty-seven and sixty-nine hundredths (37.69) feet, sixty-four and fifty-seven hundredths (64.57) feet to a stone monument; thence south $63^{\circ} 42 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and eighty-nine and twenty-three hundredths (289.23) feet to a stone monument; thence south $54^{\circ} 56 \frac{1}{2}'$ east two hundred and fifty-eight and ninety-four hundredths (258.94) feet to a stone monument; thence south $53^{\circ} 55 \frac{1}{2}'$ east six hundred and nineteen and forty-six hundredths (619.46) feet to a stone monument; thence south $51^{\circ} 41'$ east three hundred and seven and fifty-four hundredths (307.54) feet to a stone monument; thence south $34^{\circ} 38'$ east one hundred and five and forty-eight hundredths (105.48) feet to a stone monument; thence south $29^{\circ} 20'$ east two hundred and sixty-eight and sixty-nine hundredths (268.69) feet to a stone monument; thence same course about twenty-three (23) feet to the Westfield Little river.

From the monument in division line between property of Doherty Bros. and F. E. Iay to the curve at Meadow street the northerly and southerly lines are parallel and the street is laid seventy (70.0) feet wide.

From the monument in front of Lyman Loomis' property easterly to monument next east of the division line between property of Charles Culver and J. Wells Loomis the northerly and southerly lines of the street are parallel and the location is sixty-two (62.0) feet wide.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is laid out, are allowed until the first day of September next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out of said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To Fred King,

\$50.00

to be paid to him by the town of Westfield, when the land over which the

highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing the said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Westfield shall, on or before the first day of October 1897, complete and finish the same, so that it shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location; and durable stone or iron monuments shall be placed at each end, and at each angle, in said described lines. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places, and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

W. H. Brainerd	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
J. H. Hendrick		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, August 10th, 1897.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Brimfield in said county that the common convenience and necessity require that a certain highway in said town described as follows, viz:- Beginning at the intersection of said road with the Palmer and Warren road near the school-house in West Brimfield and running thence in an easterly direction past said school-house to the house of Asa Blodgett, should be located anew.

Wherefore we pray that you will view said premises and after due notice and hearing locate anew said highway and make such further orders and decrees as law and justice may require.

Brimfield, May 15, 1897.

John Healey and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

John Healey et als.
Petr. to have highway
in Brimfield located
anew.

23.

Book of Plans, II.

Pages 36 & 37.

For Amendment see
page 58.

Second Amendment,
Page 61.

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ninety-seven, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Hampden, ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts. August 13th, 1897.
County Commissioners' Meeting.

On the Petition of John Healey and others, praying for a highway to be located anew in Brimfield.

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 2d day of July A. D. 1897 view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be located anew. And at the time of said view, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the 10th day of August 1897, as the time when they would proceed to locate anew said highway, and gave due notice as the law directs.

And now said Commissioners locate anew said highway in the manner following:- Beginning at a stone post on or near the southerly line of the "River Road" and bearing North 52° 19' west fifty and fifteen hundredths (50.15) feet to the northwesterly corner of the brick underpinning of the school-house; thence along the present road south 30° 45' east two hundred thirty-six and four tenths (236.4) feet to a stone post; thence south 34° 24' east one hundred thirty-one and nine tenths (131.9) feet to a stone post; thence leaving the present road and running south 47° 49' east three hundred and one tenth (300.1) feet to a stone post; thence south 31° 57' east two hundred fifty-three and one tenth (253.1) feet to a stone post, returning to present road. Thence along present road south 49° 43' east one hundred sixty-seven and five tenths (167.5) feet to a stone post; thence south 67° 23' east two hundred forty-eight and seven tenths (248.7) feet to a stone post; thence leaving the present road and running south 52° 29' east one hundred twenty-one and seven tenths (121.7) feet along the old road to a stone post; thence south 65° 24' east one hundred twenty (120.0) feet to a stone post; thence south 75° 54' east two hundred sixty-six and eight tenths (266.8) feet to a stone post; thence south 66° 22' east two hundred thirty-one and five tenths (231.5) feet to a stone post; thence south 52° 37' east ninety-six and one tenth (96.1) feet to a stone post in the present road.

This description applies to the northerly side of said road, the southerly side being parallel thereto and forty-nine and five tenths (49.5) feet distant.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of September next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have awarded no damages.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Brimfield shall, on or before the fifteenth day of November 1897, complete and finish the same, so that fourteen (14) feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be four (4) inches higher than the sides by a circular, curved surface; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level, or a regularly inclined plane, and the grade of the road to be as shown upon the plan and profile hereto annexed and made a part of this decree. Two bridges shall be constructed where indicated upon said plan and profile, the clear span of each to be not less than eight (8) feet, a culvert 2' by 2' to be built at point indicated upon plan; and durable stone monuments shall be placed at each end, and at each angle, in said described lines. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the sides shall not exceed one foot perpendicular, to one and one-half feet horizontal. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places, and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

W. H. Brainerd,	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman,		
J. H. Hendrick,		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, August 13th, 1897.

The foregoing report is accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Mayor and Aldermen
of Holyoke, Petrs.
for location of
highway across
Holyoke and Westfield
Railroad.

24.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your undersigned petitioners, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Holyoke, Hampden county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that the public convenience and necessity require that a highway may be laid out across the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad at a point where Jackson street would cross the tracks of said Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company if it were projected westward.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that they may be granted a hearing and that a highway may be laid out as above described and for such other and further orders as to law and justice may appertain.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Holyoke,

By WM. HAMILTON, City Solicitor.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

On the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Holyoke, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience and necessity require that a highway should be laid out across the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad at a point where Jackson street would cross the tracks of said Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company, if it were projected westward; and praying said County Commissioners to grant a hearing and that a highway be laid out as above described, and for such other and further orders as to law and justice may appertain, as by said petition on file will more fully appear.

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of hearing, the said County Commissioners having heard all parties interested, do now, on this seventeenth day of September, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, adjudge that the public convenience and necessity require that the

prayer of the petition be granted, and the said city of Holyoke, is hereby authorized to lay out a highway as prayed for, and in such manner as not to injure or obstruct said railroad, and otherwise in conformity with the provisions of sections 119 and 120 of Chapter 112 of the Public Statutes.

JAMES M. SICKMAN, Esq., County Commissioner, being disqualified to act on account of residence, HARRISON LOOMIS, Esq., Special Commissioner, was called in, and acted in his stead.

W. H. Brainerd,	}	County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick,		
H. Loomis,		
		Special Commissioner.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. The County Commissioners for the county of Hampden, having viewed and carefully examined throughout, the highway in Blandford in said county, located and ordered upon the petition of W. F. Stephens and others, and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, we do hereby accept the same.

Witness our hands this twenty-second day of June, A. D. 1897.

W. H. Brainerd,	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman,		
J. H. Hendrick,		

Acceptance of highway
in Blandford.

Hampden, ss.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
County Commissioners' Meeting.

June 22d, 1897.

Order for payment of
\$500. to Blandford

In the matter of the petition of W. F. Stephens and others for relocation and discontinuance of highway in Blandford,

ORDERED, That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be paid from the county treasury to said town of Blandford, as a part of the expense incurred by said town for relocating said highway.

W. H. Brainerd,	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman,		
J. H. Hendrick,		

J.B.Burbank awarded contract for removing offal from Jail.	June 22d, 1897. J. B. Burbank was awarded the contract for removing the offal from the jail for the year commencing July 1, 1897, for one hundred and twenty-seven dollars (\$127.) payments to be made quarterly.
Removal of Police Court to Court-house civil session.	<p>To the Honorable County Commissioners for the county of Hampden:-</p> <p>The undersigned, believing that the public convenience and benefit will be promoted by holding the civil sessions of the Police Court of Springfield at the Court-house, respectfully ask that the room there recently vacated by the Probate Court may be provided therefor.</p> <p>Chas. C. Spellman and others, Petitioners.</p> <p>The foregoing petition was presented to the County Commissioners at the April meeting, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, when notice was given that the County Commissioners would meet all parties interested at the Court-house in Springfield, in said county on Friday, the fourth day of June then next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. And on said fourth day of June said petitioners were heard, no remonstrants appearing and now at this meeting, to wit:- on the twenty-second day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, it is unanimously voted that the old Probate Court Room be designated as the place for holding the civil sessions of the Police Court of Springfield, on and after September first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.</p>
Richard W. Rice awarded contract for furnishing coal for Court-house and Jail	July 7, 1897. The contract for furnishing the Court-house and Jail with coal for the ensuing year was awarded Richard W. Rice,- for the Court-house, Pocahontas at \$4.25 per gross ton and for the Jail, George's Creek at \$3.68 per gross ton.
George C. Tait awarded contract for furnishing coal for Truant School.	July 7, 1897. The contract for furnishing the Truant School with coal for the ensuing year, was awarded George C. Tait,- Lehigh Egg at \$6.00 per gross ton.

Vote of town of
Ludlow.

An extract from records of the Special Town Meeting held by the town of Ludlow, Saturday July 3rd, to take action on Chap. 176 of the Acts of 1891.

Art. 2. Voted on the question, shall the act entitled, "An Act to give towns jurisdiction over highways and county bridges," be accepted.

Yes 19. No 1.

Art. 4. Voted that the location of the highway called North street, over the Chicopee river at a point now crossed by "Putts' Bridge", so-called, be changed to a point easterly of said present location.

A true copy.

A. H. Bartlett, Town Clerk.

Ludlow, Mass. July 9th, 1897.

Selectmen of Palmer, Petitioners
for separation of grade of the
Palmer and Belchertown road and
the New London Northern Railroad
in the town of Palmer.

Case No. 9.
Hampden, ss.
Superior Court.

Selectmen of Palmer,
Petr. to abolish
grade crossing over
New London Northern
Railroad Company.
Amended Finding
and Decree.

MOTION to amend FINDING.

And now come Charles E. Hibbard and Henry G. Taft, the surviving Commissioners appointed by this Court in the above entitled case and respectfully represent that by reason of an error in the amended plan of changes submitted to and adopted by them, said new highway as laid out and described in their amended decision and finding is impracticable; that owing to errors in the figures describing the angles in said amended plan and finding, showing the deflection of the center line of said new highway, said highway does not run in the direction intended by said Commissioners and, if constructed as laid out in said amended plan and finding, will not pass between the abutments of the bridge described in their original finding by means of which said railroad passes over said highway; that said abutments have been built in the place and in the manner intended by said Commissioners and said bridge has been placed upon them and is now in use by said New London Northern Railroad Company as a means of crossing said new highway with its tracks; that a change in the location of said abutments and bridge is not desirable and, if desirable, could not be effected without great inconvenience and expense.

Wherefore the surviving Commissioners upon the unanimous request

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and assent of all parties in interest, for the purpose of properly describing the center line of said new highway as it was intended by them in their original report and finding and in their amended finding that the same should be laid out, pray the Court for leave to amend their amended report and finding, and their original report and finding so far as the same may be affected hereby, by a change in the plan filed therewith so that the location of the changes and the plan thereof shall conform to the amended plan filed herewith.

And said Commissioners further pray the Court for leave to strike out the description of the center line of said new highway as it appears in their petition for an amendment to their original report and finding and in the decree of the Court allowing the same, entered on the fourth day of December 1895, and to substitute therefor the following description of said center line, the same conforming to the amended plan filed herewith, viz:-

Beginning at a point in the original highway marked by a marble monument set about 8 inches below the surface of the road and distant north $35^{\circ} 35'$ east 68 feet from the northeast corner of the foundation wall of Mrs. Helen A. Jones dwelling-house, thence south $42^{\circ} 57'$ east 243.61 feet to a point fixed by a marble monument set 50 feet to the right on a line at right angles to this course at this point, thence deflecting to the left $7^{\circ} 6'$, 50 feet, thence deflecting to the left $16^{\circ} 3'$, 50 feet, thence deflecting to the left $16^{\circ} 2'$, 50 feet, thence deflecting to the left $17^{\circ} 32'$, 117.44 feet, thence deflecting to the left $25^{\circ} 24'$, 112 feet, (this last course passes midway of, and parallel to, the existing abutment walls of the railroad bridge and also intersects the center line of the New London Northern Railroad at its middle point), thence deflecting to the right $17^{\circ} 27'$, 50 feet, thence deflecting to the right $16^{\circ} 5'$, 222.76 feet to a point in the original highway fixed by a marble monument set 24.75 feet to the left and at right angles to this course at this point.

The line thus run and described constitutes the center line of the new highway, and land to the width of twenty-four (24) feet and nine (9) inches on each side of said line, owned or reputed to be owned by one Henry K. Ferrill, and as much more as may be necessary to cover and include side slopes in the deep cutting near the railroad bridge, is hereby taken for the purpose of a highway.

Henry G. Taft }
Chas. E. Hibbard } Commissioners.

And the several parties in interest in the matter of the petition of the Selectmen of Palmer for separation of the grade of the Palmer and Belchertown road and the New London Northern Railroad at Ferrill's crossing, so-called, in the town of Palmer, request the above named Commissioners to make the foregoing amendment to their report and finding in said case and pray the Court to make its decree in conformity therewith.

John F. Twiss }
Geo. M. Atkins } Selectmen of town
Chas. T. Brainerd } of Palmer.

The New London, Northern Railroad Company,
Robt. Coit, President.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by
Franklin T. Hammond, Assistant Attorney-General.

Motion allowed. Elisha B. Maynard, J. S. C.

A true copy. Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

(L.S.)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Superior Court.

Selectmen of Palmer, Petitioners for separation of grades of Palmer and Belchertown road and New London Northern R. R. in the town of Palmer.

- - - Decree of Court on Second Amended Decision. - - -

In this case the second amended decision of Charles E. Hibbard and Henry G. Taft, Commissioners, having been heretofore duly returned and filed in this Court, and all parties in interest having consented thereto, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Decision as amended, be, and the same hereby is confirmed and the findings thereof adopted.

By the Court: Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Filed, Sept. 3, 1897.

A true copy. Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

(L. S.)

John Healey et als.

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Location Report
Amended.

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Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, October 1st, 1897.

In the matter of the petition of John Healey and others, praying for a highway to be located anew in Brimfield, finished at the June Meeting, 1897, it now appears to the said Commissioners that in the record of the description of the location, an error has been made.

It is therefore ordered that the said record be amended by striking out the word "southerly" after the words "Beginning at a stone post on or near the" at the beginning of the description of the location, and inserting in place thereof the word "easterly", and by striking out the words "north 52° 19' west" after the word "bearing" in the second line of the description of the location, and inserting in place thereof the words "south 52° 19' east".

W. H. Brainerd,)

J. M. Sickman,)

J. H. Hendrick,)

County Commissioners.

Allowance for
Damages done to
Sheep.

The sum of three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and twenty-two cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Accounts.

\$14,872.03

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same, amounting to the sum of fourteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-two dollars and three cents, are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Hampden, ss. Oct. 1st, 1897.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O Morris Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, being the fifth day of said month, and by adjournment on the sixth day of October, and on the third day of November, and on the first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, "	
Joel H. Hendrick, "	

To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of Hampden county.-

Your petitioners respectfully represent that public convenience requires the relocation and widening of Westfield street in the town of West Springfield from its junction with Elm street to the foot of Tubbs Hill, by the taking of land from abutters on the southerly side thereof so that said portion of said street shall be fifty-nine feet in width. Your petitioners respectfully pray that action be taken by your board to the end that said street may be relocated and widened as above set forth.

H. C. Bliss and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 1st, 1897.

On the petition of H. C. Bliss and others, praying for a highway to be relocated and widened in West Springfield, it appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the sixth day of August A. D. 1897, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated. And at the time of said view, no person interested objected. And now said Commissioners relo-

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Petrs. for relocation
and widening of
Westfield St. in West
Springfield.

cate said highway in the manner following:- Beginning at a granite stone bound in the west line of Elm street thence running north 76° E. a distance of one thousand and forty-one feet and fifty-five one hundredths (1041 55/100) to a granite stone bound in the present south line of said Westfield street. The said relocated south line is fifty-six and one-half feet ($56 \frac{1}{2}$) distant from and parallel to present north line of Westfield street. And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of June next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To estate of Henry Alley	\$ 350.
Charles Spellman	350.
C. Doyle	350.
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	\$ 1050.

To be paid to them by the town of West Springfield when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway. And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of West Springfield shall, on or before the first day of July 1898, complete and finish the same, so that 25 feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be six inches higher than the sides by a circular, curved surface; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level, or a regularly inclined plane. Bridges shall be constructed of stone or brick; drains and sluices shall be of the same material and of sufficient capacity at all places necessary for conducting away the water. Eight inches on the surface of the whole part to be travelled upon shall consist of gravel or other material which shall be permanently hard; and durable stone or iron monuments shall be placed at each end, and at each angle, in said described line. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the sides shall not exceed one foot perpendicular, to one and one-half feet horizontal.

Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners. A plan of this relocation is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

W. H. Brained	}	County
J. M. Sickman		Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Dec. 1st, A. D. 1897.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

October 13th, 1897. Contract awarded H. L. Niles & Co. for furnishing the Jail and the House of Correction with meat for the year ensuing.

Corned beef,	\$2.35	per	100	lbs.
Beef shanks,	\$2.00	"	"	"
Salt pork,	\$8.00	"	"	"

Contract awarded
H. L. Niles & Co. for
furnishing Jail and
House of Correction
with meat.

December 1st, 1897. The copies of the records of votes for Register of Deeds for the county of Hampden, being examined and counted, it appears that John P. Pero of Springfield has six thousand one hundred and forty-one votes, and that James R. Wells of Springfield has nine thousand and two hundred and forty-nine votes,- the said James R. Wells of Springfield having the greater number of votes is declared to be elected.

JAMES R. WELLS
elected Register of
Deeds.

December 1st, 1897. The copies of the records of votes for County Treasurer for the county of Hampden, being examined and counted on the same day, it appears that M. Wells Bridge of Springfield has eight thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine votes, and that Elmer W. Dickerman of Westfield has six thousand four hundred and two votes,- the said M. Wells Bridge of Springfield has the greater number of votes and is declared to be elected.

M. WELLS BRIDGE
elected
County Treasurer.

Order regarding
payment of salaries.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 1st, 1897.
To M. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer:-

In order to meet the requirements for salaries of
County Officers, you are hereby authorized to make the payment for such
legally required purpose out of any money in the county treasury.

W. H. Brainerd }
J. M. Sickman } County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick }

Land Damages.

\$125.

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for
damages to lands taken for a highway, amounting to the sum of one hun-
dred and twenty-five dollars, and the same are ordered to be paid from
the county treasury.

To the heirs of Michael Powers on petition of Walter M. Green
and others,

\$125.

Allowance for
damages done to
Sheep.

The sum of four hundred and seventy-seven dollars and sixty cents is al-
lowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes rela-
tive to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys re-
ceived by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Accounts.

\$16,011.25

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, and the same amounting
to the sum of sixteen thousand and eleven dollars and twenty-five cents,
are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Hampden, ss. Dec. 1st, 1897.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all mat-
ters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is ad-
journed without day.

Attest:-

Robert O Morris Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty-eighth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and by adjournment on the fifth and tenth days of January, on the second, fifteenth and twenty-third days of February, on the second day of March and on the sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present on said 28th day of December, 1897.

Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. Chairman.	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, "	
Joel H. Hendrick, "	

Present during said meeting in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

James M. Sickman, Esq. Chairman.	} County Commissioners.
Wm. H. Brainerd, "	
Joel H. Hendrick, "	

Joel H. Hendrick of Springfield having been declared by the Board of Examiners, elected County Commissioner, for the term of three years, and having been duly sworn appears on said fifth day of January, and the Board consisting of Wm. H. Brainerd, James M. Sickman and Joel H. Hendrick, Esquires, proceed to the choice of a Chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three, of which, James M. Sickman, Esq. has two, and is chosen chairman of the Board for the year ensuing.

To the Honorable County Commissioners, Hampden county:-

We the undersigned, Town Clerks of the several towns comprising Representative District Number Two, Hampden county, represent that said District is extensive and some of the towns comprising it, widely separated, and that the present appointed place of meeting of the Clerks for the examining of transcripts of elections and the issuing of certificates of election is inconvenient of access for several of the towns.

We therefore petition your Honorable body to appoint some suitable place in the city of Springfield as the future place of meeting, - authority enabling you to do so having been granted by chapter 475 of the Acts of 1897. We would further request that certificates of election be sent to the Town Clerk of Longmeadow as heretofore.

A. H. Bartlett,	Town Clerk of Ludlow
W. F. Emerson,	" " Longmeadow
O. L. Wolcott,	" " East Longmeadow
Chas. E. Stacy,	" " Wilbraham

Town Clerk of Ludlow
et als. Petrs. for
appointment of place
of meeting of
Representative
District Number 2.

Elmer E. Smith, Town Clerk Granville
 Judson W. Hastings, " " Agawam
 G. W. Bruce, " " Southwick
 Wilbert Munn, " " Tolland
 John Q. Adams, " " Hampden

Longmeadow, Mass. Nov. 12th, 1897.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and was continued to this meeting, and after notice having been given to all parties interested therein, the County Commissioners file the following decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

April 6th, 1898

In the matter of the petition of the town clerks of Ludlow, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Granville, Agawam, Southwick, Tolland and Hampden, the towns comprising Representative District Number Two, for the appointment of some suitable place of meeting in the city of Springfield, the present place of meeting being inconvenient of access for several of the towns, due notice having been given to all parties interested, after a hearing, it is ordered that said place of meeting be changed and the County Commissioners' Room at the Court-house in Springfield, in said county, is designated as the future place of meeting of said Representative District.

J. M. Sickman
 W. H. Brainerd
 Joel H. Hendrick } County Commissioners.

John Healey et als.
 Petrs. to have
 highway in Brimfield
 located anew.

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Location Report
 Second Amendment.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

Dec. 28th, 1897

In the matter of the petition of John Healey and others, praying for a highway to be located anew in Brimfield, finished at the June Meeting, 1897, it now appears to the said Commissioners that an error has been made.

It is therefore ordered that the location report be amended by striking out the words "have awarded no damages" after the word "highway" in the sixteenth line, second page of said report, and inserting in place thereof, the words "have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To Marcy and Gardner, \$ 20.00

to be paid to them out of the County Treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway."

(L. S.) W. H. Brainerd, Chairman }
 J. M. Sickman } County Commissioners.
 J. H. Hendrick }

December Meeting 1897

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden, ss.
County Commissioners' Meeting. Dec. 28th, 1897.
In the matter of the petition of John Healey and others, for new location of highway in Brimfield,
ORDERED, That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be paid from the County Treasury to said town of Brimfield, as a part of the expense incurred by said town for locating anew said highway.
(L. S.) W. H. Brainerd, Chairman }
J. M. Sickman } County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick }

Allowance ordered to be paid to town of Brimfield, \$200.

December 28, 1897. VOTED, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the sum of \$ 4,500. on account to the State Treasurer for the construction of state highways for 1895, from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for highways for 1897.

Vote regarding the payment of \$ 4,500. for State Highways .

January 5th, 1898. JAMES R. WELLS of Springfield, Register of Deeds appears and is sworn and gives bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office, with Edward M. Coats, James B. Carroll and Dwight O. Gilmore as sureties, which bond is approved.

JAMES R. WELLS,
Register of Deeds
sworn in.

-- BOND. --

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, JAMES R. WELLS, of Springfield, in the county of Hampden, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as Principal, and we, Edward M. Coats, Jas. B. Carroll and Dwight O. Gilmore are holden and firmly bound and obliged unto the county of Hampden Massachusetts, in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, to be paid to the said county of Hampden, to the payment of which we do bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly, by these presents.

BOND.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this fifth day of January, 1898.

The CONDITION of this Obligation is such, that Whereas, the said JAMES R. WELLS, has been legally chosen by the people of said county of Hampden, REGISTER of DEEDS, for the term of three years from the first Wednesday of January, A. D. 1898, and legally qualified therefor,

Now, if the said JAMES R. WELLS, shall faithfully discharge the duties of said office during the term for which he is chosen and qualified as aforesaid, and until some other person shall be chosen and qualified in his stead, then the above Obligation shall be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

JAMES R. WELLS. (Seal).

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of

Philip Tone Jr. to E.M.C.

William H. McClintock to J.B.C.

Arthur B. Chapin to D.O.G.

Lydia M. Tanner to J.R.W.

Edward M. Coats (Seal).

Jas. B. Carroll (Seal).

Dwight O. Gilmore (Seal).

Hampden, ss. Jan. 3, 1898.

Approved by the County Commissioners.

ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk.

M. WELLS BRIDGE,
County Treasurer
sworn in.January 10th, 1898. M. WELLS BRIDGE of Springfield, County Treasurer
appears and is sworn and gives bond for the faithful discharge of the
duties of said office.

-- BOND --

BOND.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That We, M. WELLS BRIDGE, of Springfield,
in the county of Hampden, as principal, and Daniel B. Wesson, Robert O.
Morris, Edward P. Chapin, Samuel B. Spooner, William W. More, John S.
Sanderson, Dwight O. Gilmore, John M. Smith and Peter Murray, as sure-
ties, and all within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are holden and
stand firmly bound and obliged unto the county of Hampden aforesaid in
the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars, to be paid to the said county of
Hampden, to the payment whereof we bind ourselves and each of us, our
and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and sever-
ally, by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated the fourth day of January, in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas the said M.
WELLS BRIDGE, has been legally elected by the voters of the county of
Hampden County Treasurer of said county for the term of three years be-
ginning with the first Wednesday of January in the year eighteen hundred
and ninety-eight, and until his successor is chosen and qualified.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said M. WELLS BRIDGE shall faithfully dis-
charge the duties of his office, as they now or may hereafter exist,
during the term for which he has been elected, and until his successor
is chosen and qualified; then this obligation to be void, otherwise to
remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of
Geo. H. Clark
W. H. Wesson
T. W. Kenefick
Geo. R. Bond
E. M. Lapham
George W. Lawrence
Geo. R. Bond
W. L. Mulligan
Charlotte A. Schoener
Mary T. Milliman

M. Wells Bridge (Seal)
D. B. Wesson (Seal)
Robert O. Morris (Seal)
Edw. P. Chapin (Seal)
Sam'l B. Spooner (Seal)
Wm. W. More (Seal)
J. S. Sanderson (Seal)
Dwight O. Gilmore (Seal)
Peter Murray (Seal)
John M. Smith (Seal)

Estimate by the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden of the Receipts and Expenditures of said county for the year ending Dec.31,1898. Also, statement showing the unappropriated balance in the county treasury at the closing of the treasurer's books for the year 1897.

County Estimate.

<u>ITEMS.</u>	<u>Estimated Receipts for 1898.</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditures for 1898.</u>
1. Interest on county debt,	\$ 1,000.	\$ 13,000.
2. Reduction of county debt, (A)		30,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law,	10,000.	13,200.
4. Clerical assistance in county offices, (B)		10,500.
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts,	4,000.	23,000.
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction,	3,500.	26,000.
7. Criminal costs in superior court,	2,000.	5,000.
8. Civil expenses in supreme and superior courts,		22,500.
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners,		200.
11. Medical examiners, inquests and care of the insane,		5,000.
12. Auditors, masters and referees,		1,500.
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, (C)		32,000.
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings other than jails and houses of correction,		9,000.
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,		16,000.
17. Law libraries,		2,000.
18. Truant schools,	1,600.	5,500.
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses,	200.	4,000.
Total,	\$22,300.	\$218,400.

<u>ITEMS.</u>	<u>Appropriation Expenditures</u>	
	<u>for 1897.</u>	<u>in 1897.</u>
1. Interest on county debt,	\$ 14,000.	\$ 13,210.45
2. Reduction of county debt, (A)	31,000.	21,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law,	12,000.	12,643.51
4. Clerical assistance in county offices, (B)	9,000.	7,544.73
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts,	23,000.	21,613.89
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction,	28,000.	23,270.44
7. Criminal costs in superior court,	9,800.	4,445.55
8. Civil expenses in supreme and superior courts,	24,000.	21,553.26
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners,	200.	138.15
11. Medical examiners, inquests and care of the insane,	5,000.	3,597.64
12. Auditors, masters and referees,	2,000.	988.25
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, (C).	13,000.	12,251.18
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction,	9,000.	7,027.63
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	14,000.	13,821.95
17. Law libraries,	2,000.	1,848.39
18. Truant schools,	6,600.	4,439.64
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses,	4,300.	3,102.23
Total,	\$206,900.	\$172,496.89

<u>ITEMS.</u>	<u>Due and unpaid, 1897.</u>
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	\$ 117.
A. Including \$ 10,000. for Sinking Fund Stats. 1875 Chap. 205.	
B. " work on consolidated index,- Registry of Deeds.	
C. " purchase of land adjacent to Court-house.	

Balance in Treasury at the closing of the treasurer's books, for the year 1897,	\$ 55,341.77
Less money held for dog account,	\$9,813.57 9,813.57
Net balance in Treasury, unappropriated,	45,528.20
Total estimated receipts as shown in first column,	22,300.
Estimated total amount available for the year,	\$ 67,828.20

J. M. Sickman, Chairman.

We, the commissioners of Hampden county, make this our annual report upon the affairs of the county for 1897, but for special details refer the tax payers and others, to the county treasurer's report.

In regard to highways, we have received and acted upon the following petitions.

1st. Walter M. Green and others, for a new highway in Wilbraham. On this petition we laid out a short piece of highway in this town called the Boston Road near the intersection of the Stoney Hill Road. The cost to the county was \$143., of this, \$125. was for land damages which were paid to heirs of Michael Powers. This highway was ordered to be completed by the town of Wilbraham before the first day of September, 1897.

2nd. A portion of Main street in Westfield has been relocated by us on the petition of F. F. Moseley and others. The relocation was ordered to be made by Oct. 1, 1897. \$50. land damages was ordered paid to Fred King by the town. The expense of survey, \$92.76 was paid by the county.

3rd. On the petition of John Healey and others, we located anew a highway near the school-house at West Brimfield. Alterations were ordered completed by Nov. 15th, 1897. \$200. was paid from the county treasury to the town of Brimfield, towards the expense of this relocation and land damages amounting to \$20. to the property of Marcy & Gardner was estimated but has not yet been paid.

4th. The city of Holyoke was authorized to lay out a highway across the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad.

5th. On the petition of Henry C. Bliss and others a short section of Westfield street in West Springfield was ordered widened at the expense of the town to be completed by July 1, 1898. \$350. land damages was awarded to the estate of Henry Ashley, \$350. to Charles Spellman and \$350. to C. Doyle all to be paid by the town.

On the petition of C. H. Saunders and others for specific repairs on a road in Southwick, filed in 1896, the same was accepted on May 5th, 1897, and \$1000. ordered paid from the county treasury to said town as part of the expense incurred by it in making said repairs.

On the petition of W. F. Stephens and others, filed in 1894, for relocation of highway in Blandford, the same was accepted on June 22nd, 1897, and \$500. was ordered paid from the county treasury to said town as part of the expense incurred by said town in relocating said highway.

No other petitions for highways have been received and no other land damages have been estimated. No highways or parts of highways have been laid out under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments and no money has been reimbursed to the county as betterments.

We have taken no action relative to the laying out of town or private ways during 1897.

Annual Report of
County Commissioners
for the year 1897,
Including Appraisal
of county property.

There are pending in the Superior Court two suits against the county of Hampden, brought by persons dissatisfied with the estimation made by the county commissioners for land damages.

1st. On the petition of John Shinkwin of West Springfield a trial was had at the last June sitting and \$30. damages was awarded the petitioner by a jury, by order of the court. We understand that questions of law arising during the trial were to be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court. The amount of the award was the same we made in 1895.

2nd. Adolph Weber of Springfield filed a petition for a jury, June 30, 1897, from our estimate of \$50. damages to his land on the Westfield road near Tatham, in 1896. No trial has been had.

We have received no new petitions for state highways. The following table shows length and cost of state highways in this county.

City or Town.	Length laid out in feet.		
	1894-'95-'96.	1897.	Total.
Brimfield,		6,160	6,160
Chicopee,		3,042	3,042
Monson,	4,933		4,933
Russell,	18,296	3,974	22,270
Westfield,	9,695		9,695
West Springfield,	8,054		8,054
Wilbraham,	8,349	1,789	10,138
Total: feet,	49,327	14,965	64,292
Total: miles,	9.34	2.82	12.16

City or Town.	Length constructed in feet.		
	1894-'95-'96.	1897.	Total.
Brimfield		*	*
Chicopee,		3,042	3,042
Monson,	4,933		4,933
Russell,	14,696 /	4,350 #	19,046
Westfield,	9,695		9,695
West Springfield,	8,054		8,054
Wilbraham,	8,349	1,789	10,138
Total: feet,	45,727	9,181	54,908
Total: miles,	8.65	1.74	10.40

* Road graded; surfacing not yet applied.

/ 12,207 feet macadam; 2,489 feet gravel.

Gravel road.

City or Town.	Expended.*		
	1894-'95-'96.	1897.	Total.
Brimfield,		\$ 1,997.33	\$ 1,997.33
Chicopee,		11,308.60	11,308.60
Monson,	\$ 7,617.31		7,617.31
Russell,	56,728.18	9,630.87	66,359.05
Westfield,	15,029.40	1,602.33	16,631.73
West Springfield,	10,608.25	715.45	11,323.70
Wilbraham,	14,289.70	4,010.93	18,300.63
Total:	\$ 104,272.84	\$ 29,265.51	\$ 133,538.35

* Exclusive of repairs and maintenance.

The county has repaid \$ 14,967.94 to the Commonwealth towards construction of state highways and there remains the sum of \$ 9,767.68 due the state from the county, payable December, 1898.

The following is a statement of the repairs upon the several county buildings.

During 1897, there was paid for repairs upon the several county buildings as follows:-

At Court-house,	\$ 7,208.27
At Jail,	1,272.45
At Truant School,	504.05
	<u>\$ 8,984.77</u>

A large portion of the amount paid for court-house was for work done in the previous year in making two new court rooms. The Truant School was painted during the year 1897. There were no new county buildings constructed during the year and no work for repairs done by contract in 1897.

The following are the salaries of county officials prescribed by law.

Sheriff,	\$ 1,500.
Clerk of Courts,	3,500.
Assistant Clerk,	1,300.
County Treasurer,	1,500.
Register of Deeds,	2,800.
County and Special Commissioners,	2,500.

And the following are salaries of county officials not prescribed by law.

Jailer,	\$ 1,000.
Turnkey,	960.
Assistant Turnkey,	780.
1st. Keeper,	780.
2nd. Keeper,	(and board) 780.
3rd. Keeper,	(and board) 780.
Steward,	660.
Engineer,	780.
Matron,	(and board) 240.

Physician,	\$ 300.
Chaplains,	300.
Superintendent Truant School,	1,000.
Teacher,	480.
Farmer,	360.

The appropriation of \$12,000. for salary of county officers and assistants fixed by law was found to be insufficient to meet the expenditures required by law by reason of the appointment of an assistant clerk of courts under the provisions of chapter 220 of the statutes of 1897, with a salary of \$1,300. and the county treasurer was authorized to make payment for such legally required purpose out of any money in the county treasury.

The following is a list of the assets of the county of Hampden, Dec. 31st, 1897.

Court-house buildings,	\$ 200,000.
Court-house lot,	50,000.
Law Library,	20,000.
Furniture and other property, Court-house,	16,000.
Jail and House of Correction buildings,	255,000.
Jail and House of Correction lot,	25,000.
Furniture and other property, Jail and House of Correction,	10,000.
Truant School buildings,	13,000.
Truant School lot,	5,000.
Furniture and other property, Truant School,	3,000.
Sinking Fund, Hampden county,	4,788.10
	<u>\$ 601,788.10</u>

The following is a statement of the funded debt of the county.

Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1898,	\$ 10,000.
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1899,	10,000.
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1900,	10,000.
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1901,	10,000.
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1902,	10,000.
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1903,	10,000.
200 Bonds payable to Bearer, due August 1, 1905,	200,000.

Of the money received on the above Notes, \$60,000. was used for construction of Court-house, \$200,000. was used for construction of Jail and House of Correction.

J. M. Sickman, Chairman,	} County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd,	
J. H. Hendrick	

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. Feb. 15th, 1898

VOTED,

That M. Wells Bridge, county treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the county, and in anticipation of the county tax, a sum of money not exceeding ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$100,000.) and to make, execute and deliver a note or notes to that amount, payable November 5th, 1898, to the order of F. S. Moseley & Company, and to pay discount thereon at a rate not exceeding 2.76 per centum per annum.

J. M. Sickman, }
 W. H. Brainerd, } County
 J. H. Hendrick, } Commissioners.

County Treasurer
 authorized to borrow
 in anticipation of
 County Tax.

The sum of seventy-two dollars and one cent is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the county treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Allowance for Damage
 done to Sheep.

January 5th, 1898. It was unanimously voted that the Sheriff be allowed at the rate of fifty dollars per year for the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897, for the safe keeping of prisoners committed to his custody under section 25 chapter 220 of the public statutes.

Vote in regard to
 payment of the Sheriff.

February 23rd, 1898. An emergency having arisen requiring the repair of the gutters on the Court-house roof within the next two weeks, the Superior Court having adjourned for that period,

It is unanimously voted,

That such repairs be contracted for, without advertising or posting as required ordinarily by chapter 137 of the acts of 1897.

Vote in regard to
 Repairs.

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for damages to lands taken for highway, amounting to the sum of twenty dollars and the same is ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

To Marcy & Gardner on petition of John Healey and others, \$ 20.00

Land Damages.
\$ 20.00

Vote in regard to
Violation of Prison
Rules.

March 2nd, 1898. Under the provisions of section 22 of chapter 222 of the public statutes it is voted,

That the entire time of a prisoner's punishment for violation of prison rules shall be deducted from time allowed for good behavior.

Apportionment of
Dog Tax.

The County Commissioners having apportioned the moneys received under the provision of the Statutes relative to dogs, not otherwise expended, order that the same amounting to the sum of nine thousand eight hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty-seven cents be paid to the treasurers of the several cities and towns of the county, in the proportions following, viz.:-

To the Treasurer of Agawam,	\$ 252.92
To the Treasurer of Blandford,	122.89
To the Treasurer of Brimfield,	159.10
To the Treasurer of Chester,	159.65
To the Treasurer of Chicopee,	822.95
To the Treasurer of East Longmeadow,	147.58
To the Treasurer of Granville,	164.59
To the Treasurer of Hampden,	136.06
To the Treasurer of Holland,	29.63
To the Treasurer of Holyoke,	1,584.88
To the Treasurer of Longmeadow,	62.55
To the Treasurer of Ludlow,	216.16
To the Treasurer of Monson,	408.73
To the Treasurer of Montgomery,	40.60
To the Treasurer of Palmer,	504.19
To the Treasurer of Russell,	71.32
To the Treasurer of Southwick,	143.75
To the Treasurer of Springfield,	3,169.53
To the Treasurer of Tolland,	74.61
To the Treasurer of Wales,	75.71
To the Treasurer of Westfield,	796.07
To the Treasurer of West Springfield,	495.96
To the Treasurer of Wilbraham,	165.14
	<u>\$ 9,813.57</u>

December Meeting 1897.

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, and the same, amounting to the sum of twenty-three thousand three hundred and twenty-two dollars and eleven cents, are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Accounts.
\$ 23,322.11

Hampden, ss. April 6th, 1898.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Monis Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the county of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the twelfth day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty-eighth day of said month, on the fourth day of May, and on the first, eighth and fifteenth days of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, James M. Sickman, Esq. Chairman
 Wm. H. Brainerd, "
 Joel H. Hendrick, "

County
 Commissioners.

County Tax Assessed.

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session granting a tax of one hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars (\$ 152,000.) for the county of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said county, in manner following,

Agawam,	\$ 1,537.48
Blandford,	512.50
Brimfield,	482.35
Chester,	753.70
Chicopee,	10,792.52
East Longmeadow,	753.70
Granville,	422.10
Hampden,	452.20
Holland,	90.45
Holyoke,	36,748.82
Longmeadow,	844.10
Ludlow,	1,447.15
Monson,	2,200.70
Montgomery,	150.75
Palmer,	3,255.85
Russell,	512.50
Southwick,	602.93
Springfield,	74,492.50
Tolland,	150.75
Wales,	331.65
Westfield,	9,224.90
West Springfield,	5,336.00
Wilbraham,	904.40
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	\$ 152,000.00

And warrants have been issued dated April twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns and cities in said county directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and to cause the amount so collected to be paid into the county treasury.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, April 28th, 1898
VOTED,

Vote regarding
purchase of the
Gilmore property.

That the county purchase from DWIGHT O. GILMORE of Springfield in said county, about 41.07 front feet of land on Elm Street in said Springfield next east of the Court-house lot and running south to the land of said county about 133.82 feet, and pay for the same the sum of \$ 16,565. and the county treasurer is authorized to pay to the said DWIGHT O. GILMORE said amount of \$ 16,565. upon receipt of a good and sufficient deed of said land; the easterly three feet of said lot is to be subject to a right of way.

Deed on page 78.

W. H. Brainerd, }
J. H. Hendrick, } County Commissioners.

Harrison Loomis, } Special Commissioner.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:- We the undersigned respectfully request that an order may be made by your Honorable Board directing that a flag and staff be purchased, the same to be raised over the Court-house.

Flag purchased for
the Court-house.

Springfield, Mass., May 17, 1898.

John L. Rice	J. G. Dunning	N. D. Bill
Ralph W. Ellis	James Anderson	C. A. Bowles
F. H. Stebbins	S. T. Miller	W. H. Wesson
Henry H. Bosworth	A. L. Green	E. S. Brewer
James R. Wells	J. S. Sanderson	E. Belding
S. B. Spooner	H. S. Hyde	Jas. W. Kirkham
George Leonard	Geo. B. Miller	W. F. Callender
M. Wells Bridge	Geo. H. Clark	Wm. B. Walker
W. S. Miller	R. P. McPhée	W. F. Cook
F. H. Morton	Daniel E. Leary	John F. Stapleton, Jr.
E. M. Bolton	E. W. Chapin	Chas. P. Hooker
O. W. Studley	N. D. Winter	Chas. G. Gardner
C. L. Gardner	Edw. P. Chapin	Chas. A. Nichols
Tom FitzGibbon	Henry H. Bowman	S. J. Fowler
Robert O. Morris	John F. Marsh	J. A. Murphy
Lewis W. Towne	Thomas F. Cordis	Henry A. Field
F. H. Harris	Ewd. S. Bradford	Chas. C. Spellman

The foregoing petition was presented to the County Commissioners at this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be granted, and the Clerk is directed to purchase the flag.

Accounts.

\$ 8,488.91

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of eight thousand four hundred and eighty-eight dollars and ninety-one cents, are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Hampden, ss. June 15th, 1898.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c. and all matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris

Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty-eighth day of said month, on the sixth and sixteenth days of July, on the third day of August, and on the seventh and seventeenth days of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, James M. Sickman, Esq.)	County Commissioners.
Wm. H. Brainerd, "	
Joel H. Hendrick, "	

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your petitioner, Lucy B. Harrison, of Westfield in said county, that she is the owner of a certain tract of land in said Westfield, bounded north on Bartlett street, east on land now or formerly of Ralph Dewey, southwest on land formerly of the Hampshire and Hampden Canal Company, west on Elm street; that the New Haven and Northampton Company, a corporation established by law and having a usual place of business in said Westfield, being authorized to take land for and construct a railroad, has located its road over and upon the aforesaid land, and has taken a portion thereof, to wit, a strip of land about two rods wide along the whole of said southwest boundary, for the purpose of their road, and have ever since operated and maintained their railroad over and upon said land so taken.

And your petitioner avers that she has been damaged by the location of the said road and the taking of her land as aforesaid and hereby makes application to your Honorable Board to estimate and determine the amount of damages sustained by her by the location of said road and the taking of the land aforesaid, in the manner and in accordance with the provisions of law in such case made and provided.

Dated this fifth day of March A. D. 1883.

Lucy B. Harrison,
by Whitney & Dunbar, her attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Lucy B. Harrison
(Petr. for estimate
of damages)
vs.
New Haven &
Northampton Company.
3.

John L. Pendleton
et als. Petrs. for
alteration of highway
in Chicopee.

5.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.-

The undersigned, inhabitants of Chicopee and freeholders, respectfully represent that the boundaries of the highway hereinafter described are uncertain and that the same is narrow and inconvenient for travel, viz: the highway from Willimansett to Ludlow, starting near the former dwelling of Sylvester Allen, deceased, in Willimansett in the town of Chicopee, and thence running in an easterly direction past the dwelling of John L. Pendleton, across the Plain, to the road leading from Chicopee Falls to Ludlow, near the dwelling formerly occupied by N. B. Paulk in Ludlow, being the highway, the original record of which is in Book R. page 125, at Northampton, a copy of which may be found in the office of the Town Clerk of Chicopee.

And the public convenience and safety require that said road be located anew, made at least three rods wide where the same is less than that width, and suitably wrought for travel.

Your petitioners ask the Commissioners to view the same and take such action in the premises as the public safety and convenience may require and to your Honors may seem proper.

Chicopee, June 12, 1889.

John L. Pendleton and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and was continued to the June meeting, in the year last aforesaid, when the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the twenty-sixth day of July then next and 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Willimansett Depot, in Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises and hearing all parties interested; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Daily News, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty-sixth day of July the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same and heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and

necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted. And said petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

The undersigned citizens, and corporations of Springfield in said county, represent that the mill dam across Mill River, near Locust and Mill streets, in said Springfield, belonging to the estate of the late John Bangs deceased, is insecure and in a dangerous condition:- that Mary Bangs and Daniel E. Webster, both of said Springfield, are executors of the will of the said John Bangs and interested in said dam, and Mary E. Bangs, Elizabeth Bangs, Mary J. Bangs Montague and Samuel A. Bangs, all of said Springfield, and The Springfield Institution for Savings of said Springfield, as mortgagee, are all interested in, and owners of said dam, and the undersigned are owners of property liable to destruction or damage by the breaking of said dam, wherefore the undersigned pray that a time and place may be appointed for a view and examination of said dam, and notice thereof be given to said owners of the said dam, and after a view and examination thereof with the aid of a competent engineer, you may determine and direct what alterations and repairs are required to make said dam permanent and secure, and give written directions to said owners to make such alterations and repairs within a reasonable time, and make such further orders as the case may require.

Springfield, Sept. 26, 1889.

Bemis & Call Hardware & Tool Co.

W. Chaplin Bemis, Treasr.

E. A. Alden.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for the county, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Bemis & Call Hardware
& Tool Co. Petrs.
for examination of
Mill Dam belonging
to Estate of late
John Bangs.

6.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent your petitioners the Holyoke Brewing Co. of Chicopee and M. Louisa Brown of Springfield, that they contemplate rebuilding a dam acrost Willimansett brook at Willimansett in Chicopee, and herewith file the specifications and plans therefore and respectfully ask that the same may be approved.

Holyoke Brewing Co.
et al. Petrs. for
approval of specifi-
cations and Dam a-
cross Willimansett
Brook.

8.

April 1st, 1890.

HOLYOKE BREWING Co.

Daniel M. Lanigan

M. Louisa Brown

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and was continued from meeting to meeting, to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Alvin Sibley et als.
Petrs. for alteration
of Highway in West
Springfield

15.

To the Honorable, the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden:-

The undersigned citizens and tax payers of said county respectfully represent that the public convenience and necessity require that an alteration be made in the highway leading from West Springfield to Westfield by laying out a section from a point near and south of the crossing of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the house of John D. Smith in said West Springfield and running east and south of said railroad to a point in said highway near a watering trough and about fifteen hundred feet from the place of commencement.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board will view said premises and pass such orders as in your judgment shall be just and proper.

West Springfield, Sept., 20th, 1895.

Alvin Sibley and others, petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Board of Water Commissioners, Petr. to
lay pipes under
tracks of N.Y., N.H.
& Hartford Railroad.

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

Gentlemen:- Application has been made to the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Holyoke, by Mr. M. H. Whitcomb for a line of six (6") inch pipe, for fire protection, to connect with water main on Front St. and to run directly to his mill at a point about fifty feet south of N. Y. N. H. and H. R. R. Station on said Front St.

In compliance with an Act of the Legislature of 1872 the said Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Holyoke would respectfully

petition your Honorable Body that permission be granted them to lay said pipe under the tracks of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. and to the mill of the aforesaid M. H. Whitcomb.

By Order of the Board of Water Comm'rs.

by John C. Sullivan, Registrar.

Holyoke, Feb. 25th, 1896.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners, Hampden County, Massachusetts,-
Honorable Board:-

The undersigned citizens of Agawam in said county and owners of land situate on the Silver Street Road in said Agawam, Respectfully represent that said road has been duly laid out and located, and the town of Agawam ordered to work the same, to completion on or before the first day of October 1895.

Said town of Agawam has failed to work said road, and we believe has no intention of so doing at present, we therefore pray your honorable board to work and carry out the order given to said town, as by law provided. As said road is dangerous and unsafe for public travel. Agawam, July 1, 1896.

A. F. Schulze }
Jacob Diegel } Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:-

The undersigned, a citizen of Agawam, in said county, -

Respectfully represents:- That on March 9th 1897 the Selectmen of said Agawam laid out a right of way over his land (but no measurements were taken, or bounds placed thereon) and record was made thereof in the Town Clerk's Office in said town, and possession was taken and continues; and the area so taken was eighty-eight square rods of land; and no damage, nor indemnity was allowed him therefor, though

A.F.Schulze et al.
Petr. to have Decree
of County Commission-
ers enforced.

(Silver St. Road,
Agawam).

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Homer F. Flower
(Petr. for Jury)

vs.

Town of Agawam

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request was made for the same, nor was any time allowed him in which to remove the trees from the land so taken. Wherefore application hereby is made for a jury, to review the action of said Selectmen; to locate and mark the bounds of said way; and award such indemnity as they deem justice and equity require under Chapter 49 Public Statutes.

Homer F. Flower, Petitioner.

Agawam, July 1, 1897.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and was continued from meeting to meeting, to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Henry A. Gould et als
Petitioners for ap-
proval of Dam at
Crescent Mills in
Russell.

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To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden, in the Common-wealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully represents Henry A. Gould, Charles L. Chapin and Henry G. Chapin, all of Springfield, in said county, doing business under the name of Chapin and Gould, that they are the owners of a certain dam at a place known as Crescent Mills in the town of Russell in said county, and that plans and specifications of said dam are on file in the office of the County Commissioners aforesaid.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that you will view the premises, inspect said structure and approve the same and the plans and specifications thereof.

Springfield, July 14th, 1897.

CHAPIN & GOULD.

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

for the Materials and Construction of Reservoir for Fire purposes by
Chapin & Gould, Russell, Mass. April, 1897.

Specifications for the material and construction of an earth embankment and masonry for Chapin & Gould, according to plans and these specifications prepared for this purpose by D. H. Tower, Civil Engineer Dalton, Mass.

General Conditions.

The labor and materials of every kind called for by the drawings and specifications are, at all times, to be subject to the inspection and approval or rejection of the said engineer or his agents. The contractor is to furnish at his own expense, all labor or assistance for said inspection when directed by the engineer or his agents.

The contractor will make such changes from the present design of the work, as may be directed by the engineer, and the same shall not

affect or make void the contract; but, the amount of such change or changes, by a fair and reasonable valuation shall be added to or deducted from the amount of the contract. No changes shall be made except upon the written order of the engineer, and the decision of the said engineer, as to the value of said alterations, shall be final and binding upon all parties. All needful drawings and directions in general and in detail will be furnished by the engineer as required for the progress of the work. The contractor is to have at all times on the works, while it is in progress of construction, a competent foreman. Any directions of the engineer or his agents, that may be given to said foreman shall be valid and binding on the contractor, same as if given in person to the contractor. In the absence of the contractor or said foreman any directions given by the engineer or his agent to any person, who appears to be in charge of the work, shall be final and binding, same as if given in person to the contractor.

The drawings and specifications are to be the sole property of the engineer and are to be returned to him on the completion of the work.

Any materials, not in strict conformity to the requirements of these specifications and directions, are introduced into the work, same shall be removed at the expense of the contractor, at any time during the progress of the work, and proper material substituted therefor. Any work injured by the action of the elements or other causes is to be replaced by the contractor with work or material as herein intended.

None but careful and experienced workmen are to be employed on the different portions of the work and any workman or foreman who shall neglect or refuse to perform his work in a competent, neat and workman-like manner shall be discharged by the engineer and shall not again be employed on the work.

The contractor is to furnish all labor and materials of every kind necessary to complete the work in full accordance with plans and specifications, except in such case as herein explicitly mentioned to be furnished by Chapin & Gould.

Grubbing.

All loose soil, loam, stumps, roots and other materials unfit for foundation of the embankment are to be grubbed and disposed of where directed outside of the line of slopes. No filling or making of embankment is to be commenced upon the site, until examination of the foundation has been made by the engineer.

Sheet Piling.

The sheet piling will consist of two inch sound hemlock plank, planed, matched; and if not matched, the joints are to be covered by battens as directed, 16 ft. long, the same to be set two or more feet below the surface or bottom of the embankment, or to the rock, as may be directed by the engineer; if to the rock, the same must be cleaned off and filled back at bottom of plank, as shown on plan. The balance of

the trench must be thoroughly puddled by spreading the gravel into the water.

The sheet piling must be confined together by spiking with five (5) inch spikes to one or more ribbons, of size shown on plan, as the length of the piling may require; and when the height of the embankment requires the piling to be spliced, the joints must be covered by a ribbon.

The piling must extend as shown on plan.

Pipe.

The pipe to convey the water through the embankment, as shown on section, will be furnished by Chapin & Build.

Piers.

Stone piers are to be erected to support the pipe, as shown on plan, not less than one pier for each joint of pipe, these piers are to have their foundation on rock or flag, as the engineer may direct.

The stone in these piers to be laid with the best Rosendale cement, one part cement to two parts clean, sharp sand, acceptable to the engineer in charge. The pipe to be covered with clay not less than three inches in thickness and thoroughly rammed under the pipe.

Entrance to the Pipe.

Eighteen yards of stone masonry, (more or less) laid in the best Rosendale cement, one part cement to two parts clean, coarse sand, the bottom on rock or to be covered with flagging stones not less than eight (8) inches thick, and of sufficient length to extend under the wall on either side of the entrance; that part of the flagging stone between the two side walls must be closely jointed. The top of the masonry to be covered with chestnut timber, as shown on plan or as the engineer may direct and rabbeted to support rack. See drawings.

Rack.

The rack as shown on plan is to be furnished by Chapin & Gould.

Embankment.

Three hundred and sixty-one (361) cu. Yds., more or less, gravel or hardpan to be taken from the immediate vicinity of the embankment, to be thoroughly puddled, as shown on plan, by dumping and spreading the same into water. A sufficient quantity of water will be required to fully saturate the gravel as laid on. Stone will be admitted if properly distributed, but not allowed in heaps. The balance of the embankment, thirteen hundred (1300) cu. yds., more or less, to be driven over and thoroughly rammed, deep wheel ruts will not be allowed. The top of the embankment, eight (8) ft. in width, will be slightly crowned and covered with loam not less than three (3) inches in thickness, the slope of the embankment on the upstream side will have a slope of two and one-half feet horizontal to one foot vertical and the embankment on the lower or downstream side to slope one and one-half feet horizontal to one foot vertical, and covered with loam not less than three inches in thickness, all of which must be done satisfactorily to the engineer in

charge. All soil to be removed from the ground where the material is taken for the embankment before excavating for the same, which soil may be applied to the top and lower slope of the embankment. The slope of the upstream side is to be riprapped with suitable stone for a width of six (6) feet from top down, as shown on section.

Waste Weir.

A waste weir is to be made at the south end of reservoir by excavating a suitable place to the rock, as may be determined by the engineer, the south end of the reservoir to be excavated to enlarge the same and the material that is suitable will be used in the embankment, as directed by the engineer. All measurements for earthwork to be computed by measuring the fill or embankment.

Bids.

Chapin & Gould reserve the right to reject any and all of the proposals should they consider it for their interests to do so. The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, when the said petitioners filed their said plans and specifications of their proposed work which were duly approved by the Commissioners and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Commissioners having inspected the work during its progress, and it appearing that said plans and specifications have been faithfully adhered to it is ordered that the same be recorded. Springfield, Mass. September 7th, 1898.

W. H. Brainerd }
J. H. Hendrick } County Commissioners.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:-

We, the undersigned, citizens of Westfield respectfully petition your honorable board that you view the Iron Bridge, so-called, crossing Little River on Main St. with a view to ordering the construction of a new one. In the annual report of the Supt. of Streets and Highways, for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1897 Mr. Moseley says, "The Iron Bridge at Main St. is considered by competent engineers as not wholly safe for the large and heavy travel over it and without question must be replaced with a stronger and more modern structure at an early day".

Your petitioners are firmly convinced that the present structure is unsafe, and it would be little less than criminal negligence to allow it to longer remain in this condition.

Westfield, Mass., April 23, 1898.

James Noble, Jr. and others, Petitioners.

James Noble Jr. et
als. Petrs. for new
bridge across Little
River, Westfield.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Joseph St. George et
als., Petrs. for a
new highway in
Brimfield.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the County Commissioners in and for the County of Hampden:-

The undersigned residents and tax payers of the town of Brimfield in said county respectfully represent that the public necessity and convenience require that a public highway be laid out and constructed as follows:- Commencing at the terminus of the road leading from the residence of Geo. W. Sherman in said Brimfield to the residence of John St. George thence easterly or northeasterly from said terminus over land of said St. George, Daniel Agan and Lucius Fenton following the general course of a private way or bridle path deviating therefrom as the convenience of construction and grade may require to or near the intersection of the highway leading from Brimfield to Warren.

We therefore request your Honorable Board to view said premises, lay out said road and cause the same to be built for which your petitioners will ever pray.

Joseph St. George and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Henry M. Van Deusen
et als., Petrs. for
relocation and alter-
ation of Main St. in
Westfield.

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners within and for the County of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents the undersigned, legal voters and taxpayers of Westfield in said county that there is in said Westfield a highway called Main St. That a portion of said Main street, to wit:- that portion between a point opposite the house of J. Wells Loomis in said Westfield and a point five hundred feet easterly of Little River, so-called, is crooked, out of repair and unsafe for travel. That the

public convenience and necessity require that said Main St. between the points above described should be relocated and altered.

Wherefore they pray your Honorable Board after due notice to all parties interested, to view the premises and to order and decree that said Main St. between the points above described be relocated and altered, and for such further orders and decrees in the premises as to law and justice shall appertain, and to your Honors seem mete.

Westfield, Mass., June 24th, 1898.

Henry M. Van Deusen and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting. August 13th, 1898.

On the petition of Henry M. Van Deusen and others, praying for a highway to be relocated and altered in Westfield in said county. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the twenty-ninth day of July, A. D. 1898, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated and altered. And at the time of said view, no person interested objected.

And now said Commissioners relocate and alter said highway in the manner following:-

Description of northeasterly line of street:-

Commencing at a stone monument in the northerly line of Main street as laid out by the County Commissioners August 10th, 1897, about twenty-three feet westerly of the west bank of Little River, so-called, thence running south 8° 32' east two hundred thirty-six and seventy-eight hundredths (236.78) feet to a stone monument, thence on a curve to the left of radius two hundred fifty (250.00) feet one hundred seventy-three and four hundredths (173.04) feet to a stone monument, thence south 48° 11' 30" east two hundred sixteen and sixty-six hundredths (216.66) feet to a stone monument at the westerly end of the state highway location of May 12th, 1898.

Description of southwesterly line of street:-

Commencing at a stone monument in the southerly line of Main street as laid out by the County Commissioners August 10th, 1897, and bearing south 16° 37' east one hundred fifteen and fifty-four hundredths (115.54) feet from the last mentioned monument in said lay-out, thence south 8° 32' east one hundred fifty-two and forty-six hundredths (152.46) feet to a stone monument, thence on a curve to the left of radius three hundred sixty-five (365.00) feet two hundred fifty-two and sixty-four hundredths (252.64) feet to a stone monument, thence south 48° 11' 30" east three hundred eight and eighty-five hundredths (308.85) feet to a stone monu-

ment at the westerly end of Massachusetts State Highway location of May 12th, 1898.

The location includes all land lying between the above described lines, the width being one hundred and twenty (120) feet at the first mentioned course and fifty (50) feet at the last mentioned course.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the fifteenth day of September next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-
To Lewis Trench, \$ 20.00.

To be paid to him out of the County Treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Westfield shall, on or before the fifteenth day of November, 1898, complete and finish the same.

An iron or steel bridge to be built, of one span one hundred and fifteen (115) feet in length, clear, between stone work of abutments, measured at the top of said abutments.

Roadway to be twenty-two (22) feet wide in the clear; and one (1) sidewalk five (5) feet wide in the clear, and located west side of bridge.

The bridge to be designed to sustain in addition to the full weight of the superstructure, a live or moving load of one hundred (100) lbs. per square foot of exposed surface, covering the whole bridge, or any portion thereof, advancing from one end towards the other, or any loading caused by a twenty (20) ton steam road roller, and to have a factor of safety of five (5).

The abutments to be of first class granite rubble masonry laid without pingers, and in full beds of Portland cement mortar.

The road-bed shall be at least twenty-two (22) feet wide exclusive of gutters throughout the whole length of the work. Suitable gutters shall be built where necessary to carry off the water. A sidewalk shall be built at least five (5) feet wide, from the bridge northerly to connect with the present sidewalk on west side of Main street. Slopes are to be graded one and one-half (1 1/2) feet horizontal to one (1) foot perpendicular. Where necessary to insure safety, suitable railings shall be built. The space between the railings north of the bridge to be not less than thirty (30) feet, and on the south side of said bridge shall in no place be less than twenty-four (24) feet.

The location of bridge and traveled way and the grades of the same, to be as shown upon the plan hereto annexed and made a part of this decree.

J. M. Sickman }
W. H. Brainerd } County
J. H. Hendrick } Commissioners.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. August 18th A.D. 1898.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk.

June 28, 1898. Contract for furnishing metallic cases for the office of Register of Probate, awarded Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co.

- - - - - C O N T R A C T - - - - -

This AGREEMENT made the sixth day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, by and between YAWMAN & ERBE MANUFACTURING COMPANY of Rochester, New York, Party of the First Part,

A N D

The County of HAMPDEN in the Commonwealth of MASSACHUSETTS, acting by its Board of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Party of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH: That the said Party of the First Part for the consideration hereinafter named, agrees with the said Party of the Second Part, to furnish and set in place on or before the fifteenth day of September, 1898, the metallic cases called for by drawings and specifications accompanying, and which are made a part of this contract, and further to furnish twelve sliding shelves at eight dollars each, and all to the approval of the County Commissioners of said county.

It is also contracted and agreed by the said Party of the First Part, that they will warrant and defend said Party of the Second Part against all loss or damage arising from any suit or suits that may be brought against it for infringement of Letters Patent and that they will take upon themselves the defense of any and all such suits and save the Party of the Second Part harmless from all trouble and expense arising therefrom.

IN CONSIDERATION of which the said Party of the Second Part agrees upon the satisfactory completion of this said Contract, to pay to the said Party of the First Part, the sum of three thousand and eighty-eight dollars (\$ 3,088.), and the further sum of \$ 812. in consideration of the changes requiring roll curtains and extension of cases as mentioned in said specifications.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

In presence of Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co. (Seal).
Christine Law D. E. Wilbur

to all but J.M.S. J. M. Sickman } County Commissioners of
J. H. Brainerd } Hampden County.
(Seal). J. H. Hendrick }

CONTRACT for
furnishing Metallic
Cases for the Office
of
Register of Probate
awarded
YAWMAN & ERBE Mfg.Co.

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S.

Forming part of the contract for building and placing in position metallic cases in the vault, etc. of the Registry of Probate for Hampden County in Springfield, Mass.

The work is to consist in making, finishing and putting in place the metallic vault cases and other metallic furniture shown on a special set of plans prepared for the Commissioners of Hampden County now empowered by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the erection of said work. Said drawings to be further identified by the signature thereto of the parties at the time of execution of the contract for their construction.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: This work is to be prosecuted rapidly and continuously to completion. But the said Commissioners are to have the right to dictate when any certain part of the work is to be done or completed and what part, if any, is to be commenced and forwarded more rapidly than the other parts.

It is expressly understood that the contractor will give his personal attention to and be responsible for the entire work and for the work of any person who may do work under his contract and that he will not sublet nor assign in any way any of the work nor the payments therefor without written permission from the said Commissioners; that he will provide proper protection to the work at all times and be responsible for all damage of whatsoever nature from weather or other causes.

Any work shown on the plans, elevations or other drawings and not mentioned in these specifications or vice versa mentioned herein and not shown on said plans, elevations, etc. is to be executed as if both shown and specified.

The decision of the said Commissioners as to the interpretation of all drawings and of these specifications and as to the quality and fitness of all material used and work done is to be final and binding upon the contractor.

Should anything necessary to complete the aforesaid work according to the true intent of the drawings and these specifications be omitted or not clear in the said plans or specifications, or should dimensions or statements conflict, the contractor must apply to the said Commissioners for further drawings or explanation before proceeding with the work.

No variation from the drawings or the specifications will be permitted without the written consent of the aforesaid Commissioners, nor will any work be allowed as an extra without such written order. But the said Commissioners shall be at liberty at any time to add to or deduct from the work shown and specified allowing or deducting such sum or sums as may be just.

It is hereby agreed that the contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the said county of Hampden and the said Commissioners from and against all claims for damages and for labor done and material furnished

under this contract and shall furnish said Commissioners with satisfactory evidence when called for that all persons who have done work or furnished material under this contract have been fully paid or satisfactorily secured and in case such evidence is not furnished, an amount necessary to meet the claims of the persons aforesaid may be retained from the moneys due the contractor, until all liabilities aforesaid shall be discharged or satisfactorily secured.

If any of the work mentioned in these specifications is not progressing or if any of the materials and workmanship are not in accordance with the said specifications to the entire satisfaction of said Commissioners, or if the articles contained in the specifications are not fully complied with, after five days notice to that effect has been served on the contractor, then the said Commissioners shall have the right to enter upon and take possession of said work and remove all material considered unfit by said Commissioners and furnish suitable materials therefore, and the said Commissioners shall have the right to employ workmen for the completion of said work and all workmen so employed and all material furnished by said Commissioners shall be paid by them and the amount of such payment deducted from the amount payable on this contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the contractor.

Any injury sustained by the building or its contents in the execution of this contract must be made good to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners before the contractor shall be entitled to any payment for his work.

If payments on account are made they do not accept any work or materials.

Upon completion of the work, should there be any doubt in the judgment of the said Commissioners as to the perfection of any portion of the work herein specified or as to the faithful performance of any work called for or any part thereof, they reserve the right to retain out of any amounts due the contractor a sum to make good such imperfect parts, said sum to be held by the said Commissioners for a sufficient time to give any such parts a fair test.

The contractor is to furnish at his own cost all labor material, carting, crating and every other thing necessary to make finish, decorate and erect in place in Springfield the entire work according to the drawings and this specification. All work must be done in a neat and workmanlike manner and in the manner practised by the best artisans skilled in each branch of work involved in the execution of this contract and all material used must be the best of its kind and suitable for the purpose for which it is used.

The contractor must before work is commenced verify all measurements at the building.

STEEL: All steel must be first quality, pickled and cold rolled, soft steel with a surface perfectly smooth and free from scale and rolled

to the U. S. Standard Steel gauge.

All cases to have steel backs of 22 gauge or heavier.

ROLLER BOOK SHELVES: Roller Book Shelves to be adjustable at $3/4$ " spaces or less, and to have front rollers of seamless brass tubing of at least #20 gauge. These shelves to have frames of rolled bar steel at least $5/8$ " x $1/8$ " and to have all intersecting members firmly riveted together. Roller shelf sections to have uprights provided at front with vertical revolving rollers of #20 seamless brass tubing.

FILES: The files to be of No. 22 P. & C. R. steel throughout with panel fronts and to be provided with suitable guide rods at sides and with an efficient clamp. Files to enter into and engage the receptacle and not to overlap the same.

SHELVING: The shelving to be of #16 or #18 P. & C. R. steel or heavier as may be required for the work required of the several parts and to have beaded front edges.

LEDGES: Projecting ledges of cases to be covered with carpet and to have outer edges protected by moulding.

LOCKS: All locks to be of solid bronze, flat key, of either Yale & Towne or Sargent & Greenleaf make.

DOORS: Doors to be of heavy gauge steel at least #13 panelled and properly hung, supplied with catches and where shown with locks.

CUPBOARD SECTIONS: Cupboard sections to be made also of heavy steel well joined with angle iron at intersections. Cast or rolled pieces must be riveted to base of cupboard section uprights to prevent cases from resting on thin edges.

LEGAL BLANK DRAWERS: Legal blank drawers to be made and trimmed like the sample shown by said Commissioners.

CORNICE: All cases to have a neat cornice substantially similar to that shown on the drawings.

TRIMMINGS: Label holders for document files to show card at least 3 " x $1\ 1/2$ " protecting all edges of card and so made that cards may be easily removed or replaced. Face of all labels to be protected with mica.

Document file pulls to be of stamped brass substantial and heavy in appearance and of ample size to admit the hand readily.

Knobs on doors to be of substantial appearance and made from solid brass or bronze.

All other trimmings including drawer pulls, mouldings and ornaments on ends of cases to be of solid brass or bronze.

FINISH: The entire steel portion of the work to be well finished in japan or enamel, baked thoroughly hard and given at least three coats, and well rubbed with pumice between coats. Color to be selected by the said Commissioners.

Cases to be neatly lined.

Trimmings to be electroplated as directed.

The contractor must leave the work fully trimmed and ornamented and

with every device proper for the purpose for which it was intended, fitted and operating perfectly to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners.

The drawings and this specification are intended to cover each and every detail of the aforesaid work; and anything omitted in drawings or specifications or both but nevertheless necessary to said complete execution is to be furnished, made or done by the contractor as though both shown and specified.

FILING CASES: Filing cases to be made of #22 P. & C. R. steel and thoroughly put together and interlocked in the best and most substantial manner. Front edges of horizontal partitions to be bent rabbet shape and vertical partitions to be formed at the front into 1/4" beads. All filing cases to be provided with locking attachments where shown.

The County Commissioners see fit to make the following changes in the specifications and plans.

Case A. to have nine additional files.

Case in corridor to have twenty-one additional files.

Exposed sections of cases A., B., C., D., and E., to be closed by roll curtains, (all curtains having locks,) with the exception of the small opening over door in case C.

Case D., to be increased in width about seven inches, to fill up wall space.

June 28, 1898. J. B. Burbank was awarded the contract for removing the Offal from the Jail for the year commencing July 4th, 1898, for one hundred and thirty-one dollars, (\$ 131.00).

J.B.Burbank awarded contract for removing Offal at Jail.

Hampden, ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts. June 28th, 1898.
County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE as to HALF HOLIDAYS.

VOTED, That, under the provisions of Chapter 367 of the statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1898, a half holiday be granted to the public employees at the Court-house in Springfield, each Saturday, after one o'clock, P.M., from the date hereof until and including Saturday, September 17th, of the present year.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

M. S. Converse Co.
awarded contract for
furnishing coal for
Jail and Court-house.

June 28, 1898.

The contract for furnishing the Jail and Court-house with coal for the ensuing year was awarded M. S. Converse Co.,- for the Jail, George's Creek Cumberland at \$ 3.50 per gross ton, and for the Court-house, George's Creek Cumberland at \$ 3.90 per gross ton.

C O N T R A C T.

For furnishing the Court-house and Jail with Coal for the year beginning July 6th, 1898.

This AGREEMENT made and concluded on this 6th day of July, 1898,
BETWEEN

The County of Hampden, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by its Board of County Commissioners, Party of the First Part,
AND

M. S. Converse Co. of Springfield, in said County of Hampden,
. Party of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH: That the said Party of the Second Part for a consideration hereinafter mentioned, agrees to furnish for the Hampden County Jail and House of Correction in said Springfield, a supply of George's Creek Cumberland Coal, for one year from date of this Contract, delivered on cars at the said Jail; and to furnish for the Hampden County Court-house in said Springfield, a supply of George's Creek Cumberland Coal for one year from date of this contract, delivered in the bins at said Court-house, at such times and in such amounts as shall be requested by the Party of the First Part.

In Consideration Whereof, the said Party of the First Part agrees to pay to the said Party of the Second Part the sum of Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$ 3.50) per gross ton for coal delivered at said Jail and Three Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$ 3.90) per gross ton for coal delivered at said Court-house.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, on the day and year first above written.

In presence of	J. M. Sickman	} (Seal). County Commissioners.
Christine Law	W. H. Brainerd	
	J. H. Hendrick	

In presence of	M. S. Converse Co. (Seal). Contractor.
Christine Law	M. S. Converse Tr.

George C. Tait
awarded contract for
furnishing coal for
Truant School.

June 28, 1898.

The contract for furnishing the Truant School with coal for the ensuing year, was awarded George C. Tait, Lehigh Egg at \$ 5.60 per gross ton, and Lehigh Stove at \$ 5.85 per gross ton.

C O N T R A C T

For furnishing the Hampden County Truant School with Coal for the year beginning July 6th, 1898.

This AGREEMENT made and concluded on this 6th day of July, 1898,

BETWEEN

The County of Hampden, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by its Board of County Commissioners, Party of the First Part,

AND

G. C. Tait of Springfield, in said county of Hampden,
. Party of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH: That the said Party of the Second Part for a consideration hereinafter mentioned, agrees to furnish for the Hampden County Truant School in said Springfield, a supply of Lehigh Egg Coal and Lehigh Stove Coal, for one year from date of this Contract, delivered in the bins at said Truant School at such times as shall be requested by the Party of the First Part.

In Consideration Whereof, the said Party of the First Part agrees to pay to the said Party of the Second Part the sum of Five Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$ 5.60) per gross ton for Lehigh Egg Coal and Five Dollars and Eighty-five Cents (\$ 5.85) per gross ton for Lehigh Stove Coal delivered at said Truant School.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, on the day and year first above written.

In Presence of	J. M. Sickman	}	County
	W. H. Brainerd		Commissioners.
	J. H. Hendrick		(Seal).

In Presence of	G. C. Tait,	(Seal),	Contractor.
Robert O. Morris			

July 6, 1898. The contract for furnishing the Court-house and Jail with ice during the ensuing year, was awarded E. O Doton for twenty cents per one hundred pounds at the Court-house, and fifteen cents per one hundred pounds at the Jail.

E. O. Doton awarded
Contract for Ice at
Court-house and Jail.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Springfield, August 3, 1898.

Whereas in the judgment of the County Commissioners the interests of the County of Hampden demand an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by law for the Law Library in said County, said County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to transfer from money

Order for Transfer
of Funds to
Library Account.

not otherwise appropriated the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$ 250.00) in addition to the amount authorized by law for the purpose aforesaid.

The reasons for such transfer are that the appropriation authorized for the purpose aforesaid is exhausted.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

Order regarding
payment of salary to
Judge Robinson

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
County Commissioners' Meeting, August 3d, 1898.
Hampden, ss.
To M. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer,

Under the provisions of Chapter 536 of the statutes of the year 1898, you are hereby directed and authorized to pay to the widow of George Robinson, late Justice of the District Court of Eastern Hampden, the balance of salary he would have been entitled to if he had lived until the end of said year.

(Seal).	J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
	W. H. Brainerd		
	J. H. Hendrick		

DEED

Dwight O. Gilmore
to
County of Hampden

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

Vote regarding
purchase of the
Gilmore property on
page 67.

that I, DWIGHT O. GILMORE of Springfield, in the County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts in consideration of Sixteen thousand five hundred and sixty-five dollars paid by the County of Hampden a corporation duly established under the laws of Massachusetts the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said County of Hampden certain real estate situated in said Springfield and described as follows:- beginning on the southerly line of Elm street at the northeasterly corner of land of the grantee herein and running thence easterly on Elm street forty-one and 7/100 (41.07) feet; thence southerly in a straight line about one hundred and thirty-four feet to a northeasterly corner of land of the grantee herein; thence westerly on land of said grantee forty and 26/100 (40.26) feet to a corner; and thence northerly on land of the grantee herein one hundred thirty-three and 82/100 (133.82) feet to the place of beginning the intention of this conveyance being to make the easterly line of land of said County on which the court-house stands a straight line from Elm to State streets

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said County of Hampden and

its assigns, to its and their own use and behoof forever.

And I hereby for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, COVENANT with the grantee and its assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee-simple of the granted premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same as aforesaid; and that I will and my heirs, executors, and administrators shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the same to the grantee and its assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I the said DWIGHT O. GILMORE (unmarried) hereto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of RALPH W. ELLIS
COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS.
DWIGHT O. GILMORE (Seal).

Hampden, ss. April 30, 1898. Then personally appeared the abovenamed DWIGHT O. GILMORE and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me-

RALPH W. ELLIS
Justice of the Peace.

April 30, 1898, 4 h 20 m P.M. Received and entered with Hampden Co. Deeds, book 576 page 195.

Attest:- JAMES R. WELLS, Register.

I hereby certify that I have examined the record title of the above Grantor to the above described premises and find no encumbrances thereon up to date.

Apl. 30, '98. RALPH W. ELLIS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, Sept. 17th, 1898.

VOTED, That, under the provisions of Chapter 367 of the statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1898, a half holiday be granted to the public employees at the court-house in Springfield, each Saturday, after one o'clock P. M., from the date hereof, until otherwise ordered.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

VOTE as to HALF
HOLIDAYS.

Allowance for
damages done to
Sheep.

The sum of two hundred and eleven dollars and fifty cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to Dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Land Damages.

\$ 20.00

The following person is allowed the sum set against his name for damages to land taken for highway, amounting to the sum of twenty dollars and the same is ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.
To Lewis Tranch on petition of Henry M. Van Deusen and others, \$ 20.00

Accounts.

\$ 14,022.74

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of fourteen thousand and twenty-two dollars and seventy-four cents, are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Hampden, ss. September 17th, 1898.

Judgment is entered up according to reports etc., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert D. Mow Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for the county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, being the fourth day of said October, and by adjournment on the fifth day of October, and by adjournment on the second day of November, and on the seventh and fifteenth days of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, James M. Sickman, Esq. Chairman	}	County Commissioners.
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.		
Joel H. Hendrick, Esq.		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the Counties of Hampden and Hampshire in joint session at Springfield, in said Hampden County, on the twelfth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the Counties of Hampden and Hampshire:-

Respectfully represents Roderick T. King, Frank H. King, Nellie H. Fox, Grace R. Barry, Edith T. King by her guardian Ellen King all of Westfield in the county of Hampden in said Commonwealth, Joseph H. King, Henry A. King both of Southampton in the county of Hampshire in said Commonwealth and Ada S. Boughton of Pittsfield in the county of Berkshire in said Commonwealth that they are and for a long time have been the owners of a certain mill privilege together with the water privilege and water rights connected therewith situated on the southwesterly branch of the Manhan river so-called in the said town of Southampton together with a certain tract of land connected with said mill privilege bounded and described as follows, to wit:- Commencing at the place where a grist mill formerly stood on said mill privilege and running southerly on the west side of the highway formerly leading to said grist mill twelve (12) rods; thence westerly across the river to land of George Sheldon; thence northerly on said Sheldon's land to the place where the mill dam formerly stood. Also running northerly from the northeast corner of the said old grist mill eighteen feet thence westerly parallel with the north side of said old grist mill to the river. That under the provisions of chapter 419 of the acts of the year A. D. 1896 the city of Holyoke in said county of Hampden by its water commissioners on the twenty-eighth day of August 1897 appropriated, took and held for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said city with pure water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other

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purposes the water from said southwesterly branch of the Manhan river and the waters of Tucker and Manhan brooks and the springs connected therewith and the water rights connected with such waters. That the said Tucker and Manhan brooks were sources of the said Manhan river and emptied into said Manhan river some distance above the said premises of your petitioners. That under aforesaid taking the aforesaid water rights and privilege belonging to your petitioners have been appropriated taken held and destroyed by said city of Holyoke all to the great damage of your petitioners; that your petitioners have been unable to agree with said city of Holyoke upon the amount of said damages.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that their damages in the premises may be assessed and determined by your Honorable Boards in accordance with the provisions of said chapter 419 of the Acts of 1896.

Dated this fifth day of October A. D. 1898.

By their attorney, F. A. Ballou.

The foregoing petition was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden on the fifth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and due notice having been given to the said city of Holyoke, the County Commissioners viewed the said premises and heard all parties interested and now order that said petition be dismissed.

By agreement of all parties interested, James M. Sickman, Esq. of Holyoke, County Commissioner for said Hampden county, and C. K. Brewster, Esq., Special Commissioner for said county of Hampshire, in place of F. E. Judd, Esq. of Southampton, County Commissioner, were allowed to act upon said petition.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners of Hampden County.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		
E. E. Davis	}	County Commissioners and Special Commissioner of Hampshire County.
O. W. Prouty		
C. K. Brewster		

The Selectmen of
Blandford et als.,
Petrs. for discontin-
uance of highways in
Blandford.

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To the Hon. County Commissioners of Hampden County:-

We the undersigned citizens of Blandford in the county of Hampden represent that the public needs do not require that the following Roads situated wholly in said Blandford longer should be kept as public ways.

1st. Commencing near westerly of the house of Charles Kibbie thence running westerly to the highway known as Otis and Granville road.

2nd. Commencing near house of Mordecai Babb thence running north-easterly to Gibbs street road near Charles Gibbs homestead.

We therefore petition your Honorable Board to view both said roads and discontinue the same and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Blandford Mass. Oct. 29th, 1898.

J. E. Cooney

S. H. Bodurtha

A. W. Lloyd

Selectmen of Blandford

and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 7th, 1898.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Blandford and others, praying for highways to be discontinued in Blandford, it appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the fifth day of December, A. D. 1898, view said highways, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highways should be discontinued. And at the time of said view, no person interested objected. And now said Commissioners discontinue said highways in the manner following:-

1st. Commencing fifty (50) feet westerly of the house of Charles Kibbie in said Blandford, thence running westerly to the highway known as Otis and Granville road.

2nd. Commencing near the house of Mordecai Babb, thence running northeasterly to Gibbs street near Charles Gibbs homestead.

No persons appearing to claim damages, on account of the discontinuance of said highways, and in the opinion of the commissioners, no one being entitled to damages, none are awarded.

J. M. Sickman

W. H. Brainerd

J. H. Hendrick

County
Commissioners.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. Dec. 7th A.D. 1898.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the Counties of Hampden and Hampshire in joint session at Springfield, in said Hampden county, on the twelfth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the counties of Hampden

Joseph H. Russell et
als., (Petrs. for
assessment of damages
vs.

City of Holyoke.

and Hampshire.

Respectfully represents Joseph H. Russell and Ellen M. Russell both of Southampton in the county of Hampshire that they are and for a long time have been the owners of a certain tract of land situated in said Southampton on the easterly side of the southwesterly branch of the Manhan river so-called and bounded as follows, viz: east and south on the highway; north on land of Charles Wait and west by the Manhan river, with a certain mill, mill privilege, water privileges, water falls, etc, in connection therewith; that under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year A. D. 1896 the City of Holyoke, in said county of Hampden, on the 28th day of August A. D. 1897 took and held for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said city with pure water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes the waters from said southwesterly branch of the Manhan river and the water of Tucker and Manhan brooks and the springs connected therewith and the water rights connected with such waters; that said Tucker and Manhan brooks are sources of said Manhan river and empty into said Manhan river some distance above the premises of your petitioners; that by reason of said taking the said city of Holyoke has taken appropriated and held the said water rights and water privileges belonging to your petitioners and has destroyed the waters of said river for mill purposes all to the great damage of your petitioners; that your petitioners have been unable to agree with said city upon the amount of damages sustained by reason thereof.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that the damages sustained in the premises may be determined and assessed by your honorable board as provided in Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year A. D. 1896.

Dated Nov. 16, 1898.

By their attorney,

Claud A. Magill.

The foregoing petition was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Commissioners for said county of Hampden on the eighteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and due notice having been given to the said city of Holyoke, the County Commissioners viewed the said premises and heard all parties interested and now order that said petition be dismissed.

By agreement of all parties interested, James M. Sickman, Esq. of Holyoke, County Commissioner for said Hampden county, and C. K. Brewster Esq., Special Commissioner for said county of Hampshire, in place of F. E. Judd, Esq. of Southampton, County Commissioner, were allowed to act upon said petition.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners of Hampden county.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		
E. E. Davis	}	County Commissioners and Special Commissioner of Hampshire county.
O. W. Prouty		
C. K. Brewster		

October 5th, 1898.

Contract awarded H. L. Niles and Company for furnishing the Jail and the House of Correction with provisions for the year ensuing.

Corned beef, per 100 lbs.	\$ 2.65
Salt Pork, per 100 lbs.	7.00
Soup meat, per 100 lbs.	2.00

H. L. Niles & Co.
awarded contract for
furnishing Jail and
House of Correction
with provisions.

The sum of one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and thirty-seven cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Allowance for damages
done to Sheep.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 7th, 1898.

VOTED that M. WELLS BRIDGE, County Treasurer, be authorized and directed to pay the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on State Highway account ten thousand two hundred and eighty-one and 92/100 Dollars, being

Balance due for 1895,	\$ 8,442.06
One sixth due for 1896,	1,325.62
Interest thereon at 3%,	514.24
	<u>\$ 10,281.92</u>

The remaining five-sixth of expense for 1896 to remain unpaid subject to further orders.

J. M. Sickman	} County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd	
J. H. Hendrick	

County Treasurer
authorized to pay
certain moneys to
State Treasurer .

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the counties of Hampden and Hampshire in joint session at Springfield, in said Hampden county, on the twelfth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight,-

To the County Commissioners of the counties of Hampden and Hampshire:-

Respectfully represents the undersigned that, by virtue of an Act,

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of damages.)
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entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Holyoke to increase its water supply", said act being chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1896, the said city, acting through its legally and duly constituted Board of Water Commissioners, and all such other officers, servants and agents duly authorized thereunto as the said city has appointed, on the 11th day of October, 1897, by an instrument recorded in Book 567, page 374 of Hampden County Registry of Deeds, and by other proceedings duly had, took certain lands, water, water sources, water rights and easements of your petitioners hereinafter severally described, and designated, as the property of your petitioners and each of them, for the purpose contemplated by said Act authorizing the said city of Holyoke to increase its water supply.

Said lands, water, water sources, water rights and easements are described as follows:- So far as the same is the property of your petitioner, Mary Flouton, the same is bounded and described as follows, to wit:- Situated in Southampton in our county of Hampshire, and the strip of land 40 feet wide and 620 feet in length, and is bounded east and west by land of Fred L. Clark, and north and south by other land of said Mary, said strip of land being mowing and tillage land. And your petitioner, the said Flouton, says that other land of the said petitioner adjoining said strip of land has been cut up, and she has sustained great damage by reason of the use to which said other lands have been necessarily put by the said city in the construction of its water mains. That at the time said land was taken the record title was in Edgar C. Sikes. That the said Edgar C. has now no interest in said land, or in any compensation in damages sustained by reason of said taking by said city, and that said compensation is wholly due to your petitioner, the said Mary, and the said Mary claims application in her own name, and in the name of said Edgar C. but to her, the said Mary's, own use, for the assessment of damages sustained by the taking of said land, and injury to adjoining land as aforesaid.

That the land hereinafter next described is the land of your petitioner, Fred L. Clark. That the same is situated in said Southampton, and is bounded, as to the first tract, east on land of one, Flouton, west on land of one, Jos. H. Russell, north and south on land of said Clark, and is a strip of land 40 feet wide and about 350 feet long. The second tract is bounded east on J. H. Russell and another, west on said Flouton, and north and south on land of said Clark, and is a strip of land 40 feet wide and 510 feet in length. And your petitioner, the said Clark, represents that his adjoining land, adjoining said strips of land 40 feet wide, has been greatly injured and damaged by reason and on account of the work made necessary in laying, by the said city, the said water mains. And your petitioner, the said Clark, claims compensation in damages.

And your petitioners, Ellen M. Russell and J. Hooker Russell, represent that they are joint owners of a certain tract of land situated

in said Southampten and in Westfield, Hampden county, Massachusetts, being a strip of land easterly and southerly to the homestead and home lot of said J. H. Russell, and that the said city has taken, as aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid, and has entered upon, for the purposes aforesaid, a strip of land 40 feet in width and 800 feet in length across said mentioned land owned by the said Ellen M. and J. H. Russell, and said Ellen M. and J. H. Russell claim compensation in damages.

And the said J. H. Russell represents that he is the owner of a certain tract of land situated partly in Westfield, in said county of Hampden, and partly in Southampten, in said county of Hampshire, known as the homestead of J. H. Russell. That the said city has taken and entered upon a strip of land 40 feet wide and about 600 feet in length across said homestead, and otherwise inflicted damage upon your petitioner by reason of its occupation of certain other land of your petitioner, the said J. Hooker, next adjoining said last mentioned strip, and your petitioner claims compensation in damages.

And your petitioner, Geo. Holden, of Westfield in said county of Hampden, says that he is the owner of a certain tract of land situated in said Westfield, bounded north on the highway, west on the Holyoke railroad, southerly and westerly on land now or late occupied by one Pendleton. That the said city has taken and entered upon, and is now in occupation of a certain strip of land across said described premises, 40 feet in width and 200 feet in length, and the said Holden hereby claims compensation in damages.

And your petitioner, Eli F. Cady, of Westfield aforesaid, represents that the said city has entered upon and is now in possession of a certain strip of land in said Westfield, the property of said Cady, bounded north and south by the said Cady, east and west by one, Watson Root, the said strip of land being 40 feet in width and 122 rods in length. That the said city has so constructed and laid its water main in the said strip of land, that it has and does interfere with a certain brook under said main. That the said city, in laying said water main in said strip of land, necessarily entered upon the adjoining land of said Cady, and greatly damaged the same. And your petitioner, the said Cady, hereby claims compensation in damages.

And your petitioners severally say that they have sustained great and serious damage by reason of said takings and by reason of the manner of said takings, and by reason of the necessary entering upon other lands of each of your petitioners adjoining said strips of land, said entering upon said other land being necessary to construct and maintain said water mains; that they have been severally greatly inconvenienced in the advantageous use of their several tracts of land adjoining said strips of land taken, and that said adjoining strips of land have been rendered inaccessible and greatly reduced in value by reason of said takings.

Your petitioners severally say that they are not able to agree with the said city of Holyoke upon the amount of damages severally sustained by them, and they severally herein and hereby make this written application to your Honorable Board of Commissioners for said counties of Hampden and Hampshire as provided in Section 3 of said Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1896, and ask that said, your Honors, sitting, in joint session, will assess such damages as may seem to be just and reasonable.

To that end your petitioners severally pray that you will order due and sufficient notice to be given to said city, and all other parties in interest, to appear at such time and place as to your Honors may seem to be proper.

Dated at Westfield, this 25 day of August, A.D. 1898.

Mary Flouton

J. H. Russell

Edgar C. Sikes by Mary Flouton

Ellen M. Russell

Eli F. Cady

Fred L. Clark

George Holden

all by H. W. Ely, their attorney.

The foregoing petition was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Commissioners for said county of Hampshire, on the second day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and due notice having been given to the said city of Holyoke, the said County Commissioners viewed the said premises, and heard all parties interested, and now on this twelfth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, do assess the damages as follows:-

It is ordered that there be paid to the said petitioner, Mary Flouton the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$ 175.); to the said petitioner Eli F. Cady the sum of five hundred dollars (\$ 500.); to George Holden the sum of twenty-five dollars, (\$ 25.); to J. H. Russell the sum of three hundred and forty dollars (\$ 340.); and to Fred L. Clark the sum of two hundred dollars (\$ 200.); the same to be paid by the said city of Holyoke.

By agreement of all parties interested James M. Sickman, Esquire, of Holyoke, County Commissioner for said Hampden county, and C. K. Brewster, Esquire, Special Commissioner for said county of Hampshire, in place of F. E. Judd, Esquire of Southampton, County Commissioner, were allowed to act upon said petition.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners
W. H. Brainerd		of
J. H. Hendrick		Hampden county.

E. E. Davis	}	County Commissioners
O. W. Prouty		and
C. K. Brewster		Special Commissioner of
		Hampshire county.

October Meeting 1898.

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of twenty-one thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars and sixteen cents, are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

\$ 21,525.16

Hampden, ss. December 15th, 1898.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris

Clerk.



HALL OF JUSTICE
50 STATE STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01103-2021

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COUNTY OF HAMPDEN

REGISTER OF DEEDS

DONALD E. ASHE

TELEPHONE
(413) 755-1722 / 784-0479
FAX (413) 731-8190

[Handwritten signature]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty-seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, James M. Sickman, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.	
Joel H. Hendrick, Esq.	

And by adjournment on the fourth day, the thirteenth, nineteenth and twenty-seventh days of January, on the first and seventh days of February, on the first, fifteenth and twenty-third days of March, and on the fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, Esq.	
Joel H. Hendrick, Esq.	

James M. Sickman of Holyoke, having been declared by the Board of Examiners, elected County Commissioner, for the term of three years, and having been duly sworn, appears on said fourth day of January, and the Board, consisting of James M. Sickman, Wm. H. Brainerd and Joel H. Hendrick, Esquires, proceed to the choice of a chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three, of which Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. has two, and is chosen chairman of the Board for the year ensuing.

Lewis A. Conant et
als., Petrs. to have
highway in Palmer
located anew.

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Book of Plans, II
Pages 44 & 45.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden,-

We the undersigned citizens of the town of Palmer respectfully represent that the road leading southerly from the bridge across the tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad on Main street in the village of Palmer and extending southeasterly past the dwelling-houses of C. E. Fuller, H. T. Carey and Mrs. Hannah Bradley to the bridge across the Chicopee river known as Fay's bridge is ill defined that its boundaries are obscure and cannot be found. Wherefore we pray that your Honorable Board will view said premises and locate said road anew and make such further orders as to you may seem meet and proper.

Lewis A. Conant and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, Dec. 30th, 1898.

On the petition of Lewis A. Conant and others, praying for a highway to be relocated in Palmer.

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the twentieth day of December, A. D. 1898, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated. And at the time of said view, no person interested objected.

And now said Commissioners relocate said highway in the manner following:-

Description of southwesterly side.

Beginning at a stone monument on or near the division line between the Baptist Church lot and the land of J. W. Weeks, thence S. 45° 31' E. 1100 ft. to a stone, thence S. 40° 37' E. 72.32 ft. to a stone on or near the northerly line of Dublin street, thence S. 34° 13' E. 158.38 ft. to a stone thence S. 30° 53' E. 193.08 ft. to a stone on or near the southerly line of Fox Avenue, thence S. 28° 31' E. 293.36 ft. to a stone about 4.2 ft. beyond the southerly line of Chestnut street, thence S. 52° 42' E. 1840.76 ft. to a stone on land of Harvey Carey, thence S. 59° 11' E. 66.24 ft. to a stone, thence S. 70° 12' E. 168.06 ft. to a stone about in the center of the driveway to Mrs. D. Packard's house, thence S. 43° 26' E. 118.37 ft. to a stone thence S. 27° 00' E. 314.55 feet to a stone, thence S. 3° 20' E. 624.59 ft. to a stone, thence S. 4° 39' W. 238.56 ft. to a stone, thence S. 16° 09' W. 598.01 ft. to a stone, thence S. 35° 03' W. 27.81 ft. to the face line produced of the northerly abutment of Fay's bridge, so-called.

Description of northeasterly side.

Beginning at a stone monument set on a line at right angles with the first course of the southwesterly side of the road at sta. 1 + 15.54 and 60 ft. distant therefrom, thence S. 46° 23' E. 327.70 ft. to a stone, at this point the street is laid 65 ft. wide, thence S. 45° 31' E. parallel with the southwesterly side, 659.58 ft. to a stone, thence S. 36° 58' E. 78.62 ft. to a stone opposite to Dublin St., thence S. 31° 46' E. 163.43 ft. to a stone, thence S. 30° 00' E. 195.67 ft. to a stone opposite to Fox Avenue thence parallel with the southwesterly side of the road and 50 ft. distant therefrom.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of May next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Palmer shall, on or before the first day of June 1899, complete and finish the same, and that the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. County Commissioner, being disqualified on account of residence, Benjamin F. Burr, Special Commissioner, was called

in and acted in his stead. A plan of said relocation is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick		
B. F. Burr		
		Special Commissioner.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Dec. 30th, A.D. 1898

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

County Treasurer
authorized to transfer \$ 10,000. to
Sinking Fund.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Dec. 27th, 1898.

To M. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of said Hampden County:-

You are hereby authorized to transfer from the funds in your hands as County Treasurer, to your account as Treasurer of the Sinking Fund of said county, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$ 10,000.) and to hold the same subject to order from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said county.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners of Hampden County.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

Order regarding salaries of county officers.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Dec. 27th, 1898.

To M. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer:-

In order to meet the requirements for salaries of county officers you are hereby authorized to make the payment for such legally required purpose out of any money in the county treasury.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

County Estimate.

Estimate by the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden of the Receipts and Expenditures of said county for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899. Also, Statement showing the unappropriated balance in the county treasury at the closing of the treasurer's books for the year 1898.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

1. Interest,	1,800.
2. Clerk of courts and registers of deeds,	10,000.
3. District and police courts,	4,000.
4. Jails and houses of correction,	6,000.
5. Fines, costs and fees,	1,000.
6. Highway and bridge account,	
7. Truant schools,	1,000.
8. Miscellaneous,	200.
	<u>24,000.</u>

Statement showing estimated total amount available.

Balance in Treasury at the closing of the treasurer's books for the year,	45,289.32
(a) Less special appropriation,	
(b) Less money held for dog account,	10,918.73
Deduct total amounts (a) and (b),	10,918.73
Net balance in treasury, unappropriated,	34,370.59
Total estimated receipts as shown above,	<u>24,000.</u>
Estimated total amount available for the year,	\$ 58,370.59

ITEMS.Estimated expenditures for 1899.

1. Interest on county debt,	12,000.
2. Reduction of county debt;	25,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law,	13,500.
4. Clerical assistance in county offices, §	15,000.
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts,	23,000.
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assistants and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction,	26,000.
7. Criminal costs in superior court,	5,000.
8. Civil expenses in supreme and superior courts,	22,000.
10. Transportation expenses of county & special commissioners,	200.
11. Medical examiners, inquests and care of the insane,	5,000.
12. Auditors, masters and referees,	1,500.
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings,	10,000.
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings other than jails and houses of correction,	9,000.
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	15,000.
17. Law libraries, +	2,500.
18. Truant schools,	6,000.
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses,	<u>4,000.</u>
Total,	194,700.

* This amount includes \$15000. for Sinking Fund, Statutes 1898 chapter 301.

§ This item is increased to cover expense of making a consolidated index in Register of Deeds.

+ This item is increased as last year's appropriation was not sufficient and a catalogue is expected to be made this year.

<u>I T E M S.</u>	<u>Appropriation for 1898.</u>	<u>Expenditures in 1898.</u>
1. Interest on county debt,	\$ 13,000.	\$ 12,112.05
2. Reduction of county debt,	30,000.	30,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assist- ants, fixed by law,	13,200.	13,445.
4. Clerical assistance in county offices,	10,500.	7,231.56
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts,	23,000.	21,295.07
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assist- ants and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction,	26,000.	23,469.11
7. Criminal costs in superior court,	5,000.	2,858.73
8. Civil expenses in supreme and superior courts,	22,500.	18,895.01
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners,	200.	112.20
11. Medical examiners, inquests and care of the insane,	5,000.	3,774.28
12. Auditors, masters and referees,	2,000.	971.
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings,	32,000.	28,636.72
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction,	9,000.	7,904.86
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	16,000.	10,990.70
17. Law libraries,	2,000.	2,191.95
18. Truant schools,	5,000.	4,519.07
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses,	4,000.	3,365.29
Total,	218,400.	191,772.60

<u>I T E M S.</u>	<u>Due and unpaid in 1898.</u>
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	\$ 87.
Total,	\$ 87.

County Commissioners' Report for 1898.-

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 153 of the statutes of this commonwealth for the year 1897, the commissioners of Hampden county make this, their annual report upon the affairs of the county for 1898. For specific details the taxpayers and others are referred to the county treasurer's report.

In regard to highways, we have received nine petitions during the year, and the same have been acted upon as follows:

On the petition of C. A. Corser and others, for a highway to be laid out from Westfield to West Springfield (beginning at a point near Springdale Paper Company, in Union street Westfield, and running easterly to a point in West Springfield on the present highway between Springfield and Westfield at Tatham Hill) following the general direction of the "Old County Road" so-called, passing through "Day District" and thence near Smith Homestead to Tatham Hill, we have viewed the premises and heard the parties but have not yet filed our report.

On the petition of David B. Furber and others, for a highway to be laid out from a point near the westerly end of the county bridge, so-called, which crosses Westfield river in Westfield, thence across the river striking the "Old Jug Road" through the northeast part of Agawam, thence crossing river to Westfield and West Springfield road near house of one Sibley, view has been taken and parties heard, but report has not yet been filed.

On the petition of H. S. Hyde and others, for a highway to be laid out commencing in West Springfield at a point on the main road leading from West Springfield to Westfield near house of C. A. Sibley, thence west across the river into Agawam in same general direction to the line of the Old Jug Road, thence west on line of said last-named road to its intersection with road leading to Westfield by way of Little river in Westfield or diverging southerly in Agawam and connecting with road leading from West Suffield to Westfield known as North Front street where intersected by West street,- view has been taken of the premises and parties have been heard.

On the petition of T. A. Rogers and others, for a highway to be laid out between Westfield and West Springfield running from foot of Tatham Hill in West Springfield to a point near Springdale Paper Company in Union street, Westfield, view of the premises has been taken and the parties heard.

On the petition of Joseph St. George and others for a new highway in Brimfield, after taking a view and hearing the parties, we dismissed the petition.

After a view and hearing on the petition of James Noble and others for a new bridge across Little river in Westfield, said petition was dismissed for informality.

On the petition of Henry M. Van Deusen and others, Main street in Westfield was relocated between a point opposite the house of J. Wells

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Including Appraisal
of county property.

Loomis and a point 500 feet easterly of Little river. The relocation was ordered to be made by the 15th day of November, 1898 and was laid out at the expense of the town of Westfield. Land damages were awarded to Lewis Trench in the sum of \$ 20. and the same was ordered to be paid from the county treasury. We are unable to state the cost of this relocation as the work is not yet completed.

The selectmen of Blandford petitioned for the discontinuance of two highways in Blandford and we granted the petition, discontinuing the highway commencing 50 feet westerly of the house of Charles Kibbie in said Blandford and running westerly to the highway known as Otis and Granville road, and also the highway commencing near the house of Mordecai Babb, thence running northeasterly to Gibbs street, near home- stead of Charles Gibbs. No damages were awarded on this discontinuance and there was no expense attending the same.

We have relocated in Palmer, on the petition of Lewis A. Conant and others, a road leading from the bridge across the tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in Main street and extending southeasterly to Fay's bridge which crosses Chicopee river. The work is to be completed by the first day of June, 1899, no damages were awarded and the town is to bear the expense of this relocation.

E. O. Northway and others have filed with us a petition to have a highway in Tolland located anew. No action has yet been taken.

Except as above stated, no land damages have been estimated. No highways or parts of highways have been laid out under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments and no money has been reimbursed to the county as betterments. We have taken no action relative to the laying out of town or private ways during 1898.

Of the two suits for damages pending at the time of making up last year's annual report, one, that of John Shinkwin of West Springfield, who was awarded a verdict of \$30. against the county, has been settled, judgment being entered in favor of the county. The second, that of Adolph Weber of Springfield who filed a petition for a jury June 30, 1897, from our estimate of \$50. damages to his land on the Westfield road near Tatham in 1896, has not come to trial.

During the year 1898, no new petitions for state highways have been received. The following tables show length and cost of state highways in this county, also for the repair and maintenance of same.

City or Town.	Length laid out in feet.		
	1894-'95-'96-'97.	1898.	Total.
Brimfield	6160		6160
Chicopee	3042	1510	4552
Monson	4933		4933
Russell	22270	5605	27875
Westfield	9695	2730	12425
West Springfield	8054		8054
Wilbraham	10138		10138
Total: feet	64292	9845	74137
Total: miles	12.18	1.86	14.04

City or Town.	Length constructed in feet.		
	1894-'95-'96-'97.	1898.	Total.
Brimfield,		6160	* 6160
Chicopee,	3042		3042
Monson,	4933		4933
Russell,	19046	5864	* 24910
Westfield,	9695	3096	12791
West Springfield,	8054		8054
Wilbraham,	10138		10138
Total: feet	54908	15120	70028
Total: miles	10.40	2.86	13.26

* Gravel road. * 12,207 feet macadam; balance gravel.

City or Town.	\$ Expended.		
	1894-'95-'96-'97.	1898.	Total.
Brimfield,	\$ 1,997.33	\$ 3,785.12	\$ 5,782.45
Chicopee,	11,308.60	524.48	11,833.08
Monson,	7,617.31		7,617.31
Russell,	66,359.05	6,691.90	73,050.95
Westfield,	16,631.73	3,733.80	20,365.53
West Springfield,	11,323.70		11,323.70
Wilbraham,	18,300.63	8.15	18,308.78
	\$ 133,538.35	\$ 14,743.45	\$ 148,281.80

* Exclusive of repairs and maintenance.

Amount expended for repairs and maintenance of state highways.

Town - City.	Expended in 1896.	Expended in 1897.	Expended in 1898.	Total.
Brimfield,			7.33	7.33
Chicopee,		150.79	196.43	347.22
Monson,		529.17	190.96	1393.23
Russell,	673.10	11.08	55.37	1046.83
Westfield,	980.38	171.66	198.84	370.50
West Springfield,		222.10	337.18	559.28
Wilbraham,				
Total,	1653.48	1084.80	986.11	3724.39

The county has repaid \$ 10,767.68 to the commonwealth towards construction of state highways and there remains the sum of \$ 4,215.70 due the state from the county.

The principal items for repairs of county buildings were for the making over the office of the register of probate; the expense of this was \$ 4,623.82 of which \$ 3,900. was expended under contracts, also, early in the year the roof of the court-house was found to leak badly necessitating repairs which cost \$ 1,108.87, and during the summer the ventilating apparatus of the court-house was greatly improved by the enlargement of the capacity of the fan which takes the foul air from the building. The expense was \$ 763.29 and the work for this and the repairs on the roof was done by the day. There were no new county buildings constructed during the year 1898.

The county purchased from Dwight O. Gilmore of Springfield the land next east of the court-house lot, and paid \$ 16,565. for it. An appropriation was made by the legislature of 1898, for the purchase of said property.

The following are the salaries of county officials prescribed by law,

Sheriff,	\$ 1,500.	County Treasurer,	\$ 1,800.
Clerk of the Courts,	3,500.	Register of Deeds,	2,800.
Assistant Clerk,	1,300.	County Commissioners,	2,500.

The following are the salaries of county officials not prescribed by law:

At the court-house,-

Messenger,	\$ 1,000.	Engineer,	\$ 1,000.
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At the jail.

Jailer,	\$ 1,000.	Third Keeper,	\$ 540.
Turnkey,	960.	Steward,	660.
Assistant Turnkey,	780.	Engineer,	780.
First Keeper,	780.	Shop Foreman,	840.
Second Keeper,	780.	Shop Officer,	720.
Matron,	\$ 240.	Physician,	\$ 300.
		Chaplains,	\$ 300.

At the truant school.-

Superintendent,	\$ 1,000.	Teacher,	\$ 480.
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The expenditure for salaries of county officials fixed by law was larger than the amount appropriated by reason of the increase of salary of the county treasurer. The expenditure for the law library was also slightly larger than the amount appropriated, some books bought in 1897, not being paid for until 1898. In no other instance has the expense been greater than our estimate or the amount authorized by the legislature.

The following is a list of the assets of the county of Hampden, Dec. 31st, 1898:-

Court-house, building	\$ 200,000.
Court-house, lot	66,000.
Law library,	21,000.
Furniture and other property, court-house,	20,000.
Jail and house of correction buildings,	255,000.
Jail and house of correction lot,	25,000.
Furniture and other property, jail and house of correction,	10,000.
Truant school buildings,	13,000.
Truant school lot,	7,000.
Furniture and other property, Truant school,	3,000.
Sinking Fund, Hampden county,	14,844.22

The following is a statement of the funded debt of the county:

Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1900	\$ 10,000.
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1901	10,000.
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1902	10,000.
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1903	10,000.
Bonds payable to bearer, due August 1, 1905,	200,000.

Of the money received on the above notes, \$ 40,000. was used for construction of court-house and \$ 200,000. was used for construction of jail and house of correction.

J. M. Sickman	} County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd	
J. H. Hendrick	

January 4, 1899.

All votes and decisions of the County Commissioners during the calendar year, 1898, were unanimous.

December Meeting 1898.

Votes and Decisions
unanimous.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Superior Court in Equity.

The MAYOR and ALDERMEN of CHICOPEE Petitioners for the Abolition of certain GRADE CROSSINGS in the city of CHICOPEE.

DECISION of COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, in the above entitled matter we, George W. Wiggin, E. K. Turner and Fred D. Stanley, were on the twentieth day of June, A.D. 1898, appointed a commission under the Provisions of chapter 428 of the Acts and Resolves of said Commonwealth in the year 1890, as appears by our commission herewith returned.

AND WHEREAS, due notice of a public hearing before us on the subject matter of said petition was given to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the city of Chicopee, the Connecticut River Railroad Company, now leased and operated by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and all persons interested, as will appear by the acceptance and return on said notice herewith returned.-

AND WHEREAS, at the time and place specified in said notice for a hearing the Commissioners appeared and the petitioners also appeared by L. E. Hitchcock, City Solicitor, and the Connecticut River Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad by Irwin and Hardy, attorneys, and certain abutters by Gillett and McClench, attorneys.

AND WHEREAS, a hearing was then had, and a view of said crossings was taken with the parties appearing.

AND WHEREAS, said hearing was continued and adjourned from time to time to this day.

NOW THEREFORE, having heard all persons who appeared and asked to be heard, and having considered all the evidence and arguments submitted to us, we decide as follows:-

FIRST: We decide that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that the alterations hereinafter specified should be made, and we prescribe the manner and limits within which such alterations shall be made as follows:-

PROSPECT STREET.

The grade of Prospect street shall be lowered so that said Prospect street shall pass under the tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad Company. The new grade of the street under the tracks shall be eight (8) feet below the present grade of the base of rail at the center of the street, at an elevation of eighty-eight and thirteen one-hundredths (88.13) feet above the datum plane.

Mayor and Aldermen of Chicopee, Petrs. to abolish grade crossings, Plainfield, Exchange and Chicopee Sts., Schoolhouse Lane, Columba St., McKinstry Ave., Montgomery and Prospect Sts., in Chicopee and Chicopee St. in Willimansett.

Decision and Decree.

See Plan in Desk.

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The grade of the street shall be level for a distance of twenty (20) feet on each side of the center line of the railroad tracks, then rising each way with a gradient of seven (7) feet per one hundred, until the new grade meets the present grade of the street.

The tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad shall be raised so that the base of the rail over the street shall be at an elevation of one hundred and two and thirteen one hundredths (102.13) feet above the datum plane and shall be carried over the street on a bridge of iron or steel either plate girders or trusses. The clear head room between the new grade of the street and the under side of bridge shall be twelve (12) feet. The bridge abutments shall be of ashlar laid in regular courses. The backing shall be of large stone well bonded. The clear width between the abutments shall be forty-nine and one-half (49 1/2) feet.

Retaining or wing walls shall be built on each end of each abutment of the same class of masonry as is prescribed for the abutments. All masonry shall be laid in hydraulic cement mortar. All foundations shall be carried down to such depth as is necessary, at least four (4) feet below the new grade of the street.

The surface of the street wherever changed shall be covered with good gravel to a depth of ten (10) inches in the center of the driveway, and six (6) inches on the sides, and left in good condition. The roadway shall be paved with block paving forty (40) feet each way from the center line of the tracks. A sidewalk ten (10) feet wide with tar concrete surface shall be made on each side of the street from the intersection of South Hadley Falls and Montgomery streets with Prospect street to the point where the new grade meets the old grade on the westerly side of the tracks.

From the ends of the retaining or wing walls to the points at which the new grade meets the old grade of Prospect street, the banks shall be neatly sloped with an inclination of one and one-half horizontal to one vertical, and either covered with turf or sowed with grass seed.

A catch basin shall be built on each side of the street at the lowest part and suitable pipes laid from them to the present sewer in said street. A substantial curb or edge stone shall separate the sidewalks from the driveway.

CHANGE of TRACKS.

The grades of the Connecticut River Railroad main tracks shall be altered and established as follows:-

Beginning at a point in the present grade of the tracks at the southerly end of the Willimansett bridge, so-called, at an elevation of one hundred and thirteen one-hundredths (100.13) feet, thence southerly by a level grade one hundred (100) feet, thence by an ascending grade of seventeen and six-tenths (17.6) feet per mile, a distance of six hundred (600) feet, to elevation one hundred and two and thirteen one hundredths (102.13) feet, thence level a distance of two hundred and eleven (211)

feet, thence by a descending grade of thirty and seventeen one-hundredths (30.17) feet per mile until the new grade intersects the present grade of the railroad. The track to the freight house shall be raised to conform to the new grade. The track of the Standard Oil Co. shall be raised at the southerly end to conform to the new grade of the main tracks.

Wherever the main tracks are raised there shall be provided two (2) feet in depth of good gravel ballast.

The passenger station and platform at Willimansett shall be raised to conform to the new grade of the main tracks and a cellar built under said station building, the walls to be of either brick or stone.

An addition one hundred (100) feet long shall be built on to the northerly end of the present platform, and suitable steps provided at the northerly end of the station building.

The grade of the passenger station grounds at Willimansett shall be raised and made to conform to the new grade of the main tracks. The surface of the station grounds as changed not used for driveways and platforms, shall be covered with turf or sowed with grass seed. The station grounds shall be neatly fenced. Fences shall consist of three iron pipes, two (2) inches in diameter, run through wooden posts.

A driveway twenty (20) feet wide shall be made from North Main street to the rear of passenger station building, and the surface hardened with macadam.

A tar concrete walk ten (10) feet wide shall be made at the southerly end of the grounds leading from the platform to the junction of Prospect and North Main streets.

The present freight house and platform shall be raised to conform to the new grade of the tracks and underpinned with either brick or stone.

The grade of approaches and lands about the freight house and used in connection therewith, shall be raised to conform to the new grade of the tracks and the driveways may be hardened with either crushed stone or gravel.

A new road or way in substitution for that portion of South Hadley Falls Road hereinafter discontinued, shall be made as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly line of the new way with the northerly side line of Prospect street at a stone bound, the said easterly line runs in a northerly direction three hundred and forty-one and one-half (341 1/2) feet to the southeasterly side line of South Hadley Falls Road at a stone bound.

The Westerly side line of the new way shall be everywhere parallel with the above described easterly line, and thirty (30) feet distant from it, between the northerly side line of Prospect street and the southeasterly side line of South Hadley Falls Road.

The grades of the surface of the new way as above laid out shall be as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the center line of the new way and

the northerly line of Prospect street, at elevation ninety-one and four-teen one hundredths (91.14) feet, thence northerly by an ascending grade of seven (7) feet per one hundred a distance of sixty-nine and four tenths (69.4) feet to elevation 96.0, thence northerly by an ascending grade of three hundred and fifteen one-thousandths (0.315) feet per one hundred, a distance of three hundred and seventeen and one tenth (317.1) feet to elevation 97.0 in the South Hadley Falls Road.

The surface of the new way shall be worked twenty (20) feet in width, properly hardened. Gutters shall be made wherever necessary to prevent washing. A suitable fence shall be built on each side line of said new way.

A new road or way in substitution for that portion of Montgomery street hereinafter discontinued shall be made as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly line of the new way with the southerly line of Prospect street at a stone bound, the said easterly line runs in a southerly direction four hundred and nineteen and twenty-nine one-hundredths (419.29) feet to a stone bound; thence southwesterly four hundred and ninety-one and seventy-one one-hundredths (491.71) feet to a stone bound; thence in a more westerly direction three hundred and seven and two tenths (307.2) feet to a stone bound in the northerly side line of Montgomery street.

The westerly side line of the said new way is parallel with the above described easterly side line and forty (40) feet distant from it between the southerly side of Prospect street and the northerly side of Montgomery street.

The westerly side line of the said new way is parallel with the above described easterly side line and forty (40) feet distant from it between the southerly side of Prospect street and the northerly side of Montgomery street.

The grades of the surface of the new way as above laid out shall be as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the center line of the new way with the southerly line of Prospect street at elevation 90.37; thence southeasterly by a descending grade of two and sixteen one-hundredths (2.16) feet, a distance of ninety-one and two tenths (91.2) feet to elevation 88.4; thence by a level grade, a distance of two hundred and twenty-seven (227) feet; thence by an ascending grade of one and fifty-three one-hundredths (1.53) feet per one hundred, a distance of three hundred (300) feet to elevation 93.0; thence by a descending grade of ^{(0.35) feet} thirty-five one-hundredths [^] per one hundred, a distance of six hundred (600) feet to elevation 90.9 to the northerly side of Montgomery street.

The surface of the new way shall be worked twenty (20) feet in width with ten (10) inches of good gravel in the center, and six (6) inches on the sides. Suitable gutters shall be made wherever necessary to prevent washing.

A suitable railing or fence shall be built wherever the fill is two (2) feet or more in height.

A culvert of rubble masonry shall be built as an extension of the present culvert under the tracks of the railroad.

Retaining walls of first class rubble, laid in cement mortar, shall be built on the easterly side of the worked part of the roadway wherever necessary to protect it from the adjacent stream, a substantial iron fence three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) feet in height shall be built on said retaining walls.

That portion of South Hadley Falls Road as at present located, included between the easterly line of North Main street and the westerly line of the new way as hereinbefore ordered extended northerly across South Hadley Falls Road shall be discontinued on the completion of the work hereinbefore ordered.

That portion of Montgomery street as at present located, included between the location lines of the Connecticut River Railroad shall be discontinued on the completion of the work hereinbefore ordered.

MCKINSTRY AVENUE.

McKinstry Avenue shall be carried over the tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad. The elevation of the surface of McKinstry Avenue over said tracks shall be one hundred and fourteen and three tenths (114.3) feet. The street shall be carried on a bridge of iron or steel twenty (20) feet wide in clear between trusses. The bridge shall be designed for a live load of one hundred pounds per square foot and for a concentrated load of a road roller weighing fifteen (15) tons.

The abutments shall be thirty-six (36) feet apart in the clear. The clear head room from base of rail to under side of bridge shall be eighteen and one-half ($18\frac{1}{2}$) feet.

The face of the abutments shall be of ashlar, laid in regular courses, the backing shall be of large stones, well bonded, all laid in hydraulic cement mortar, with foundations carried low enough to be protected from frost, not less than four (4) feet below the surface in front of them.

A substantial culvert of good rubble masonry three (3) feet wide and four (4) feet high clear opening, shall be built under the embankment west of the tracks.

The grade of the street shall be level for a distance of twenty-four (24) feet on each side of the center between tracks and shall descend in each direction from said twenty-four (24) feet, with a gradient of six (6) feet per one hundred.

The embankments shall be thirty (30) feet in width on top with side slopes of one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) horizontal to one (1) vertical.

The surface of the street wherever changed shall be hardened with macadam or good gravel ten (10) inches in depth for a width of sixteen (16) feet.

A substantial railing or fence shall be built on each side of the worked portions of the street wherever the fill is two (2) feet or more in depth.

That portion of McKinstry Avenue included between the location lines of the Connecticut River Railroad, and not within the limits of the way herein laid out, is hereby discontinued.

COLUMBA STREET and SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD.

Four new roads or ways in substitution for those parts of Columba street and Schoolhouse Road hereinafter ordered discontinued, shall be built as follows:-

On the westerly side of the railroad: Beginning at a stone bound in the southerly line of McKinstry Avenue; thence in a straight line southerly twelve hundred and twenty (1220) feet to a stone bound in the northerly side of Columba street.

On the westerly side of railroad; Beginning at a stone bound on the southerly line of Columba street, thence in a straight line southerly sixteen hundred and eighty-three (1683) feet to a stone bound in the northerly side of Schoolhouse Road.

On the easterly side of railroad: Beginning at a stone bound on the northerly line of Schoolhouse Road, thence northerly in a straight line seventeen hundred and eighteen (1718) feet to a stone bound in the southerly line of Columba street.

On the easterly side of the railroad: Beginning at a stone bound on the northerly line of Columba street, thence northerly in a straight line twelve hundred and seventy-four (1274) feet to a stone bound in the southerly line of McKinstry Avenue.

The above described lines are the easterly side lines of the four roads or ways hereby ordered; the westerly side lines are parallel with the said easterly side lines and fifty feet distant from them.

The grades of the surface of the new road or ways shall be as follows:-

East of the tracks: Beginning at the centre of Schoolhouse Road at elevation 95.; thence by a descending grade of three (3) feet per one hundred, one hundred (100) feet to elevation 92.; thence by a level grade two hundred (200) feet; thence by an ascending grade of two (2) feet per one hundred, one hundred (100) feet to elevation 94.; thence by a descending grade of five tenths (.5) feet per one hundred, four hundred (400) feet to elevation 92.; thence by a level grade three hundred (300) feet; thence by an ascending grade of two (2) feet per one hundred six hundred and twenty-five (625) feet to elevation 104.5 at the centre of Columba street; thence by a descending grade of three and nine one-hundredths (3.09) feet per one hundred two hundred and seventy-five (275) feet to elevation 96.; thence by a descending grade of one foot per one hundred two hundred (200) feet to elevation 94.; thence by an ascending grade of one and sixty-seven one-hundredths (1.67) feet per one hundred three hundred (300) feet to elevation 99.; thence by a descending grade of one and thirty-three one hundredths (1.33) feet per one hundred to elevation 95.; thence by an ascending grade of two and eight tenths (2.8) feet per one hundred to elevation one hundred and two (102) at McKinstry Avenue.

On the west side of railroad: Beginning at the south line of McKinstry Avenue at elevation 88.; thence by an ascending grade of two and four tenths (2.4) feet per one hundred, one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to elevation 91.; thence by a descending grade of seventeen one-hundredths (.17) feet per one hundred, eleven hundred and seventy-five (1175) feet to elevation 89.; at Columba street; thence by a descending grade of one hundred and eleven one thousandths (.111) foot per one hundred, nine hundred (900) feet to elevation 88.; thence by a descending grade of two (2) feet per one hundred, three hundred (300) feet to elevation 82.; thence by a level grade one hundred (100) feet; thence by an ascending grade of five tenths (.5) foot per one hundred, two hundred (200) feet to elevation 83.; thence by a descending grade of forty-four one hundredths (.44) foot per one hundred, two hundred and twenty-five (225) feet to Schoolhouse Road.

The surface of the four new roads or ways above described shall be worked sixteen (16) feet wide and suitably hardened.

Suitable gutters shall be made wherever necessary to prevent washing and culverts or pipes placed where necessary to conduct water along its natural courses across the lines of roads or ways.

A suitable railing or fence of wood shall be built wherever the fill is two (2) feet or more in height.

That portion of Columba street as at present located included between the location lines of the Connecticut River Railroad is hereby discontinued.

That portion of Schoolhouse Road as at present located included between the location lines of the Connecticut River Railroad is hereby discontinued.

CHICOPEE STREET.

Chicopee street shall be widened and carried over the tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad. The elevation of the surface of Chicopee St., over said tracks, shall be one hundred and six and four tenths (106.4) feet. Chicopee street shall be widened at and near the point where it crosses the location of the Connecticut River Railroad. The southerly line of the street shall be as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound on the southerly side line of Chicopee street on the divisional line between lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin and Mrs. J. Pease, and thence running northerly $84^{\circ} 45'$ west fifteen (15) feet; thence northerly $17^{\circ} 40'$ west one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet to the easterly location line of the Connecticut River Railroad.

On the westerly side of the Connecticut River Railroad: The southerly side line of Chicopee street shall be as follows: -

Beginning at a stone bound on the southerly line of the land of E. L. and D. L. Shaw; thence running north $85^{\circ} 15'$ west twelve (12) feet; thence running north $12^{\circ} 31'$ west two hundred and seventy-four (274) feet; thence running north $12^{\circ} 31'$ west one hundred and eight (108) feet; thence running north $21^{\circ} 40'$ west one hundred and ninety-eight (198)

feet to a stone bound in the southerly side line of Chicopee street.

On the westerly side of the Connecticut River Railroad the northerly side line of Chicopee street shall be as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound on the divisional line between lands now or formerly belonging to Mrs. Chas. Crehore and Mrs. J. Pease, and in the northerly side line of Chicopee St.; thence running north $6^{\circ} 35'$ west three hundred and ninety-seven (397) feet to lands now or formerly owned by E. A. Stoddard; thence by the same lands north $85^{\circ} 45'$ west twenty-three (23) feet to a stone bound on the easterly side line of Chicopee street.

The street shall be carried on a bridge of iron or steel thirty (30) feet in clear width between side trusses, and a sidewalk five (5) feet wide outside of southerly truss, designed to carry a live load of one hundred pounds per square foot of floor surface including sidewalk with a concentrated load on the driveway of a road roller weighing fifteen (15) tons.

The tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad shall be lowered so that the base of the rail under the bridge shall be at elevation 85.4.

The grade of the tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad shall be level in a southerly direction at elevation 85.4 until the new grade intersects the present grade, at a distance of five hundred (500) feet from the center of the bridge. The grade of said tracks shall be level in a northerly direction at elevation 85.4, a distance of one hundred and ten (110) feet from the center of the bridge, thence by an ascending grade of three tenths (.3) foot per one hundred feet, ten hundred and forty (1040) feet until the new grade intersects the present.

The center line of the bridge shall make an angle of thirty degrees with the railroad tracks, and shall be about upon the southerly line of the highway as at present laid out.

The abutments shall be thirty-six (36) feet apart in the clear; the clear height from the base of rail to the under side of bridge shall be eighteen and one-half ($18 \frac{1}{2}$) feet. The faces of the abutments shall be of ashlar laid in regular courses, the backing of large stones well bonded, all of granite or equally durable stone laid in hydraulic cement mortar. The foundations shall be carried low enough to be protected from frost, not less than four (4) feet below the surface in front of them.

The grade of the street shall be level for a distance of sixty-two and one-half ($62 \frac{1}{2}$) feet on each side of the center between tracks, and shall descend in each direction from the bridge with a gradient of five (5) feet per one hundred until it meets the present grade of Chicopee street.

The embankment of the street shall be thirty-six and one-half ($36 \frac{1}{2}$) feet in width on top with side slopes one and one-half ($1 \frac{1}{2}$) horizontal to one vertical with a sidewalk five (5) feet wide on the southerly side. The surface of the street where changed shall be hard-

ened with macadam or good gravel eight inches thick for a width of eleven (11) feet on each side of the center line of the travelled way.

Suitable gutters shall be made to take care of the water. The slopes shall be spread with loam and sowed with grass seed.

A substantial railing or fence shall be built on the northerly side of the worked part of the street, and on the southerly side of the sidewalk wherever the fill is two (2) feet or more in depth. A tight board fence, at least four feet in height shall be built on outside edge of sidewalk on bridge.

EXCHANGE STREET.

A new street or way shall be built in substitution for that portion of Exchange street hereinafter discontinued, and said new street shall pass under the tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad.

The new street or way shall be bounded and described as follows:-

The northerly side line shall begin at the corner formed by the westerly side line of West street and the southerly side line of Exchange street; thence south $71^{\circ}24'$ west fifty-three and thirty-six one-hundredths (53.36) feet; thence south $88^{\circ}56'$ west one hundred and sixty-two and thirty-four one-hundredths (162.34) feet; thence north $82^{\circ}8'$ west one hundred and sixty-five and eighty-two one-hundredths (165.82) feet to the location of the Connecticut River Railroad; thence north $71^{\circ}33'$ west two hundred and nineteen (219) feet to the present northerly side line of Exchange street. The southerly side line shall be parallel to and everywhere forty (40) feet from the above described northerly side line.

The grade of the new street or way under the tracks shall be thirteen (13) feet below the present grade of the base of rail at the center of crossing as changed, at elevation 86.6.

The grade of the new street shall be level for a distance of thirty (30) feet on each side of the center line of the railroad track, thence ascending easterly with a gradient of six (6) feet per one hundred, three hundred and forty-six (346) feet until the new grade intersects the present grade of the street. Westerly with a gradient of seven (7) feet per one hundred, eighty-eight (88) feet until the new grade intersects the present grade of the street.

TRACKS.

The tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad shall be so raised that the base of the rail over the street shall be at elevation 100.6, and shall be carried over the street on a bridge of iron or steel either plate girder or trusses.

The grade of the tracks shall be level across the bridge over the street, and shall descend in a southerly direction with a gradient of three and forty-three one-hundredths (3.43) feet per mile, a distance of five hundred and fifty-two (552) feet. From the bridge in a northerly direction with a descending grade of twenty-eight and forty-six one-hundredths (28.46) feet per mile, thirteen hundred and forty

(1340) feet, until the new grade intersects the present grade. The clear head room between the new grade of the street and the under side of the bridge shall be twelve (12) feet.

The bridge abutments shall be of granite or other equally durable stone. The face of the abutments shall be of ashlar laid in regular courses with backing of large, well bonded stone, all laid in hydraulic cement mortar. The clear width between the abutments shall be thirty-six (36) feet.

Retaining walls or wings shall be built on each end of each abutment, of the same class of masonry as is prescribed for the abutments. The retaining walls shall extend on the easterly side of the railroad to where the new grade is within two (2) feet of the present grade.

A highway bridge with eighteen (18) feet in width of driveway, and five (5) feet in width of sidewalk, the sidewalk to be placed on the westerly side of the bridge, shall be built over the new way. The westerly side of this new bridge shall be at a distance of forty-one (41) feet from the center line between main tracks. This bridge shall be designed for a live load of one hundred pounds per square foot of driveway and sidewalk. It may be either plate girder or trusses. The clear head room shall be twelve (12) feet from the surface of the new way to the under side of the bridge.

The surface of the driveway of the new street or way shall be paved with granite blocks for a distance of three hundred (300) feet easterly, and seventy-five (75) feet westerly from the center line between main tracks. The rest of the surface of the driveway within the limits hereby ordered changed, shall be hardened with macadam eight (8) inches thick.

A sidewalk of tar concrete shall be made on the southerly side of said street wherever the grade is changed. A substantial edgestone shall be used to separate the sidewalk from the driveway. A catch basin shall be made on each side of the street at the lowest point, and pipes laid from them to the present sewer.

A stone or iron stairway six (6) feet wide shall be built from the sidewalk to the platform between the railroad and highway bridges.

The grade of the tracks on the Chicopee Falls branch railroad shall be raised to conform to the new grade of the main tracks.

A substantial iron fence three and one-half (3 1/2) feet high shall be placed on the top of the retaining walls wherever necessary for the safety of the public.

That part of Exchange street as at present located, included between the location lines of the Connecticut River Railroad, and not within the limits of the way as herein laid out, is hereby discontinued.

PLAINFIELD STREET.

Plainfield street shall be widened and carried over the tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad. The elevation of the surface of Plainfield street over the tracks shall be 108. Plainfield street shall be widened at and near the point where it crosses the Connecticut River Railroad. On the westerly side of the railroad

the northerly side line of Plainfield street shall be as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound on the northerly side of Plainfield street, thence running north $73^{\circ}-30'$ east four hundred and three and ninety-seven one-hundredths (403.97) feet to the westerly side line of the Connecticut River Railroad location at a point fifty-seven and twenty-two one-hundredths (57.22) feet, measured on the westerly line of location from the present northerly side line of Plainfield street.

On the easterly side of the Connecticut River Railroad the northerly side line of Plainfield street shall be as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound on the northerly side line of Plainfield street one hundred and seventeen and eighty-two one-hundredths (117.82) feet westerly from a stone bound marking the intersection of the westerly line of Rockrimmon Road and the northerly line of Plainfield street, thence running north $75^{\circ}-35'$ west ninety-one and twenty-five one-hundredths (91.25) feet to the easterly line of location of the Connecticut River Railroad.

The southerly side line of Plainfield street shall be as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound on the westerly line of Rockrimmon Road forty-four (44) feet southerly from the intersection of the westerly side line of Rockrimmon Road and present southerly side line of Plainfield street, thence running south $88^{\circ}-12'$ west two hundred and twenty-eight and ninety-one one-hundredths (228.91) feet to the easterly location line of the Connecticut River Railroad at a point seventeen (17) feet southerly from the present southerly side line of Plainfield street measured along the said location line.

The street shall be carried on a bridge twenty (20) feet in clear width between side trusses, designed to carry a live load of one hundred (100) pounds per square foot of floor surface. The abutments shall be fifty-four (54) feet apart in the clear. The head room from base of rail to under side of bridge shall be eighteen and one-half ($18 \frac{1}{2}$) feet. The face of the abutments shall be of ashlar laid in regular courses with backing of heavy stone, well bonded, laid in hydraulic cement mortar. The foundations shall be carried low enough to be protected from frost, at least four (4) feet below the surface of the ground in front of them. The stone shall be granite or equally durable stone.

The grade of the street shall be level for a distance of thirty-two (32) feet easterly and twenty-eight (28) feet westerly from the center line between the tracks of the railroad.

The westerly approach shall descend with a gradient of six (6) feet per one hundred, a distance of four hundred and forty (440) feet. Easterly from the said center line with a gradient of seven and ninety-seven one-thousandths (7.097) feet per one hundred, two hundred and sixty (260) feet.

The embankments shall be made thirty (30) feet in width on top with side slopes of one and one-half ($1 \frac{1}{2}$) horizontal to one vertical. The surface of the street, wherever changed shall be hardened with mac-

adam or good gravel, eight (8) inches thick for a width of sixteen (16) feet. A substantial railing or fence shall be built on each side of the worked part of the street wherever the embankment is two (2) feet or more in height.

The floors of all driveways on bridges over the Railroad shall be of four (4) inch plank; the floors of sidewalks of two (2) inch plank. All timber and plank used shall be of long leaf southern pine, prime inspection.

At least four (4) feet of clean sand or gravel shall be placed behind the masonry ordered in this decree.

Wherever the railroad crosses above highways, a tight floor shall be placed on the bridge to prevent dripping from trains upon travellers on the highway.

Wherever elevations are noted, it shall be understood to mean height above a datum plane which is fixed by the following benches:-

The northeast corner of the southerly parapet of the Willimansett Bridge, point marked with red paint. Elevation one hundred (100) feet.

The northeast corner small girder bearing stone northeast end of North bridge over Chicopee River. Elevation eighty-five and eighty-two one-hundredths (85.82) feet.

At Chicopee street on southerly small bolt on top of hydrant east side of track, elevation eighty-seven and sixty-seven one-hundredths (87.67) feet.

Wherever the words "railroad" or "track" are used, it shall be understood that they refer to, the railroad or track belonging to the Connecticut River Railroad Company.

The Commission find and decide it is necessary that certain parcels of land be taken for the purpose of making and completing the changes in the ways hereby prescribed as follows:-

PROSPECT STREET.

A parcel of land belonging to the Connecticut River Railroad Company as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound on the northerly side of Montgomery street; thence by lands of O. C. Towne north $55^{\circ}-26'$ east three hundred and seven and two tenths (307.2) feet to a stone bound; thence north $44^{\circ}-45'$ east four hundred and ninety-one and seventy-one one-hundredths (491.71) feet to a stone bound; thence north $9^{\circ}-20'$ east four hundred and nineteen and twenty-nine one-hundredths (419.29) feet to a point on the southerly side of Prospect street; thence along said Prospect street north $85^{\circ}-36'$ west forty and twelve one-hundredths (40.12) feet; thence south $9^{\circ}-20'$ west four hundred and three and forty-three one-hundredths (403.43) feet; thence south $44^{\circ}-45'$ west four hundred and seventy-five and two tenths (475.2) feet; thence south $55^{\circ}-26'$ west three hundred and five and three tenths (305.3) feet; thence along the northerly side of Montgomery street south $37^{\circ}-12'$ east forty and four one-hundredths (40.04) feet to the place of beginning, same being a strip of land forty (40) feet wide and containing forty-eight thousand and forty-two (48042)

feet more or less.

Also another parcel of land belonging to the Connecticut River Railroad Company as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound on the northerly side of Prospect street and running north 6°-50' east three hundred and forty-one and five tenths (341.5) feet to the southerly side of South Hadley Falls Road at the northwesterly corner of J. B. McCarty's land, now or formerly; thence along South Hadley Falls Road south 37°-55' west fifty-eight and one one-hundredth (58.01) feet; thence south 6°-50' west two hundred and ninety-three and two one-hundredths (293.02) feet; thence along the northerly side of Prospect street south 85°-36' east thirty and three one-hundredths (30.03) feet to the place of beginning, same being a strip of land thirty (30) feet wide and containing nine thousand five hundred and seventeen and eight tenths (9517.8) square feet more or less.

MCKINSTRY AVENUE.

Parcel No. 1. Belonging now or formerly to Phineas Stedman, as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Schoolhouse Road, said point being three hundred and fourteen (314) feet westerly of the location of the Connecticut River Railroad and measured along the northerly side line of said Schoolhouse Road; thence north 4°-40' east six hundred and sixty-two (662) feet to lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin; thence by lands of said Chapin north 89° west fifty and thirteen one hundredths (50.13) feet; thence south 4°-40' west six hundred and fifty-eight and eight tenths (658.8) feet to Schoolhouse Road; thence along the northerly side of Schoolhouse Road south 85°-20' east fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning, same being a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide and containing thirty-three thousand and twenty (33020) sq. feet more or less.

Parcel No. 2. Belonging now or formerly to Chester W. Chapin as follows:

Beginning at a point on the division line between lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin and Phineas Stedman; thence north 4°-40' east one thousand and twenty-one (1021) feet to the southerly side line of Columba street; thence along said Columba street north 85° west fifty (50) feet; thence south 4°-40' west one thousand and twenty-four and five tenths (1024.5) feet; thence by lands now or formerly of Phineas Stedman south 89° east fifty and thirteen one-hundredths (50.13) feet, same being a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide and containing fifty-one thousand one hundred and forty (51140) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 3. Belonging now or formerly to Chester W. Chapin, as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Columba street, said point being five hundred and seventy (570) feet westerly from location of the Connecticut River Railroad and measured along the northerly side of said Columba street; thence north 4°-40' east three hundred and eighty-two (382) feet to lands now or formerly belong to A. W. McKinstry; thence by same lands south 87° west fifty and two one-hundredths (50.02) feet; thence south 4°-40' west three hundred and eighty and five tenths (380.5)

feet to Columba street; thence along Columba street south $85^{\circ}-20'$ east fifty(50)feet to the place of beginning same being a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide and containing nineteen thousand and sixty-five (19065) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 4. Belonging now or formerly to A. W. McKinstry as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the division line of lands belonging now or formerly to Chester W. Chapin and A. W. McKinstry; thence north $4^{\circ}-40'$ east eight hundred and thirty-eight (838) feet to the southerly side line of McKinstry Avenue; thence along McKinstry Avenue north $74^{\circ}-30'$ west fifty and nine tenths (50.9) feet; thence south $4^{\circ}-40'$ west eight hundred and forty-nine and one tenth (849.1) feet to lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin; thence by lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin north 87° east fifty and two one-hundredths (50.02) feet to the place of beginning, same being a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide and containing forty-two thousand one hundred and seventy-eight (42178) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 5. Belonging now or formerly to Phineas Stedman and son as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the northerly side line of Schoolhouse Road, said point being two hundred and fifty-four (254) feet easterly of the location of the Connecticut River Railroad measured along the northerly line of Schoolhouse Road; thence north $16^{\circ}-15'$ east six hundred and seventy-four (674) feet to lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin thence by said lands south $88^{\circ}-20'$ east fifty-one and seven tenths (51.7) feet; thence south $16^{\circ}-15'$ west seven hundred and seventeen (717) feet to School-house Road; thence westerly along the northerly side line of Schoolhouse Road sixty (60) feet to the place of beginning, same being a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide and containing thirty-four thousand seven hundred and seventy-five (34775) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 6. Belonging now or formerly to Chester W. Chapin as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the division line between lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin and Phineas Stedman and son and running north $16^{\circ}-15'$ east one thousand and nine and one tenth (1009.1) feet to Columba street; thence along Columba street south 79° east fifty and two tenths (50.2) feet; thence south $16^{\circ}-15'$ west one thousand and one (1001) feet to lands now or formerly of Phineas Stedman and son; thence by same lands north $88^{\circ}-20'$ west fifty-one and seven tenths (51.7) feet to the place of beginning, same being a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide and containing fifty thousand two hundred and fifty-five (50255) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 6 1/2. Belonging now or formerly to Chester W. Chapin as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the northerly side line of Columba street, said point being three hundred and sixty (360) feet easterly of the location of the Connecticut River Railroad Company measured along the

northerly side line of Columba street and running north $4^{\circ}-30'$ east five hundred and nineteen (519) feet to lands now or formerly of A. W. McKinstry; thence by said lands south $85^{\circ}-30'$ east fifty (50) feet; thence south $4^{\circ}-30'$ west five hundred and twenty-four (524) feet to Columba street; thence along Columba street north 79° west fifty and three tenths (50.3) feet to the place of beginning, same being a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide and containing twenty-six thousand and seventy-five (26075) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 7. Belonging now or formerly to A. W. McKinstry as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the divisional line between lands now or formerly of A. W. McKinstry and Chester W. Chapin, and running north $4^{\circ}-30'$ east seven hundred and forty-six and one tenth (746.1) feet to the southerly side line of McKinstry Avenue; thence along McKinstry Avenue north $89^{\circ}-05'$ east fifty and one tenth (50.1) feet; thence south $4^{\circ}-30'$ west seven hundred and fifty (750) feet to lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin; thence by said lands north $65^{\circ}-30'$ west fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning, same being a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide and containing thirty-seven thousand four hundred and five (37405) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 8. Belonging now or formerly to A. W. McKinstry as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the southerly side line of McKinstry Avenue, and the easterly side line of the location of the Connecticut River Railroad, and running on the southerly side line of McKinstry Avenue north $89^{\circ}-05'$ east one hundred and seventy-eight and five tenths (178.5) feet; thence south $43^{\circ}-48'$ west seventy-four and fourteen one-hundredths (74.14) feet; thence south $59^{\circ}-35'$ west eighty-three (83) feet; thence north 89° west eighty-two (82) feet to the location of the Connecticut River Railroad; thence along said location north $15^{\circ}-08'$ east one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning, and containing thirteen thousand four hundred and thirty-eight (13438) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 9. Belonging now or formerly to P. J. Kennedy as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the southerly side line of McKinstry Avenue and the westerly side line of the location of the Connecticut River Railroad and running along said location south $15^{\circ}-08'$ west eighty-eight (88) feet; thence north 68° west four hundred and fifty (450) feet; thence north $60^{\circ}-49'$ west seventy-six and eighty-six one-hundredths (76.86) feet to a point in the southerly side line of McKinstry Avenue and opposite and fifty (50) feet distant from a stone bound laying in the northerly side line of McKinstry Avenue; thence south $70^{\circ}-55'$ east along the southerly side line of said McKinstry Avenue two hundred and fifty-seven and sixty-eight one-hundredths (257.68) feet; thence along said southerly side line of McKinstry Avenue south $79^{\circ}-30'$ east two hun-

dred and eight and eight tenths (208.8) feet; thence along said southerly side line of McKinstry Avenue north $88^{\circ}-50'$ east fifty-eight and five tenths (58.5) feet to the place of beginning and containing seventeen thousand two hundred and forty-three (17243) square feet more or less.

CHICOPEE STREET.

Parcel No. 1. Belonging now or formerly to Mrs. J. Pease as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound on the southerly side line of Chicopee street at the divisional line between lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin and Mrs. J. Pease, and running along the southerly side line of Chicopee street north $6-55'$ west two hundred and twenty-five (225) feet to the location of the Connecticut River Railroad Company; thence along said location south $14^{\circ}-30'$ west one hundred and five (105) feet; thence south $17^{\circ}-40'$ east one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet to lands now or formerly of Chester W. Chapin; thence by said lands south $84^{\circ}-45'$ east fifteen (15) feet to the place of beginning and containing five thousand two hundred and six (5206) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 2. Belonging now or formerly to E. L. or D. L. Shaw as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the westerly side line of the location of the Connecticut River Railroad and the southerly side line of Chicopee street and running along said southerly side line of Chicopee street north $12^{\circ}-45'$ west one hundred and fifty-eight (158) feet to lands now or formerly of William D. Chapin; thence by said lands north $85^{\circ}-35'$ west sixty-five (65) feet; thence south $12^{\circ}-31'$ east two hundred and seventy-four (274) feet; thence south $85^{\circ}-15'$ east twelve (12) feet to the location of the Connecticut River Railroad Company; thence along said location north $14^{\circ}-30'$ east one hundred and twelve (112) feet to the place of beginning and containing fourteen thousand (14000) square feet, more or less.

Parcel No. 3. Belonging now or formerly to William D. Chapin as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the divisional line between lands now or formerly belonging to E. L. or D. L. Shaw and Wm. D. Chapin, and the southerly side line of Chicopee street, and running along the said southerly side line of Chicopee street north $25^{\circ}-50'$ west one hundred and forty (140) feet; thence by same side line north $28^{\circ}-50'$ west one hundred and sixteen (116) feet; thence by same side line of Chicopee street north $33^{\circ}-30'$ west eighty (80) feet to a stone bound; thence south $21^{\circ}-40'$ east one hundred and ninety-eight (198) feet; thence south $12^{\circ}-31'$ east one hundred and eight (108) feet to lands now or formerly belonging to E. L. or D. L. Shaw; thence by same lands south $85^{\circ}-35'$ east sixty-five (65) feet to the place of beginning and containing eight thousand nine hundred and seventy (8970) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 4. Belonging now or formerly to Mrs. J. Pease as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound at the intersection of the divisional line between lands now or formerly belonging to Mrs. Chas. Creshore and Mrs. J. Pease, and the northerly side line of Chicopee street and running along the said northerly side line of Chicopee street north 7°-50' west two hundred and forty-four (244) feet; thence continuing along said side line north 11°-40' west one hundred and fifty-seven (157) feet to lands now or formerly owned by E. A. Stoddard; thence by same lands south 85°-45' east twenty-three (23) feet; thence south 6°-35' east three hundred and ninety-seven (397) feet to the place of beginning and containing two thousand nine hundred and six (2906) square feet more or less.

EXCHANGE STREET.

Parcel No. 1. Belonging now or formerly to C. C. Abbey as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Exchange street at the division line between C. C. Abbey and the Connecticut River Railroad; thence along Exchange street south 82°-08' east one hundred and sixty-five and eighty-two one-hundredths (165.82) feet; thence continuing along Exchange street north 88°-56' east one hundred and sixty-two and thirty-four one-hundredths (162.34) feet; thence continuing along Exchange street north 71°-24' east fifty-three and thirty-six one-hundredths (53.36) feet; thence along west street south 24°-27' east forty-seven and two one-hundredths (47.02) feet; thence south 69°-10' west one hundred and five and eighteen one-hundredths (105.18) feet. (This last named course and distance being thirty (30) feet distant from and parallel to Leonard street). Thence north 86°-21' west two hundred and fifty-six and forty-eight one-hundredths (256.48) feet; thence by lands of the Connecticut River Railroad north 84°-21' west fifty-one and eight tenths (51.8) feet; thence by same lands north 17°-23' east forty-six and sixty-nine one-hundredths (46.69) feet to place of beginning and containing sixteen thousand three hundred and twenty-four (16324) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 2. Belonging now or formerly to C. C. Abbey as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Exchange street at the division line between C. C. Abbey and the Connecticut River Railroad, same point being marked by a stone bound; thence along Exchange street north 82° .08' west forty-four and forty-nine one-hundredths (44.49) feet; thence along Exchange street south 80°-06' west thirty-one and seventy-six one-hundredths (31.76) feet; thence south 68° 07' east forty-eight and eleven one-hundredths (48.11) feet; thence south 2°-54' west twenty and four tenths (20.4) feet; thence by land of Connecticut River Railroad south 79°-55' east nineteen and twenty-five one-hundredths (19.25) feet; thence by same lands north 17°-23' east forty-three and six one-hundredths (43.06) feet to the place of beginning and containing one thousand five hundred and ninety-two (1592) square feet more or less.

PLAINFIELD STREET.

Parcel No. 1. Belonging now or formerly to Mrs. Mary Stebbins as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of Plainfield street one

hundred and seventeen and eighty-two one-hundredths (117.82) feet westerly from a stone bound marking the intersection of the westerly line of Rockrimmon Road and the northerly line of Plainfield street; thence westerly along said Plainfield street south $81^{\circ}-21'$ west ninety-three and forty-eight (93.48) one-hundredths feet to the location of the Connecticut River Railroad; thence along said location north $6^{\circ}-17'$ east thirty-seven (37) feet; thence south $75^{\circ}-35'$ east ninety-one and twenty-five one-hundredths (91.25) feet to the place of beginning and containing one thousand six hundred and seventy-one (1671) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 2. Belonging now or formerly to Mrs. Mary Stebbins as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of Plainfield street at a stone bound; thence north $81^{\circ}-21'$ east three hundred and eighty-five (385) feet along the northerly line of Plainfield street to the location of the Connecticut River Railroad; thence along said location north $6^{\circ}-44'$ east fifty-seven and twenty-two one-hundredths (57.22) feet; thence south $73^{\circ}-30'$ west four hundred and three and ninety-seven one hundredths (403.97) feet to the place of beginning and containing ten thousand six hundred and twenty-one (10621) square feet more or less.

Parcel No. 3. Belonging now or formerly to the Springfield Provision Company as follows:-

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the westerly line of Rockrimmon Road and the southerly line of Plainfield street; thence along said line of Plainfield street south $81^{\circ}-21'$ west two hundred and twenty-four and two tenths (224.2) feet to location of the Connecticut River Railroad; thence along said location south $5^{\circ}-27'$ west seventeen (17) feet; thence by lands of Springfield Provision Company north $88^{\circ}-12'$ east two hundred and twenty-eight and ninety-one one-hundredths (228.91) feet to Rockrimmon Road; thence along the westerly line of Rockrimmon Road north $7^{\circ}-02'$ west forty-four (44) feet to the place of beginning and containing in all six thousand eight hundred and fifty-six (6856) square feet more or less.

We decide that said Connecticut River Railroad Company, shall provide all the material and do all the work required by this decision.

We decide that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall pay 25 per cent of the whole cost of said alterations, including the cost of the hearing and the compensation of the Commissioners and Auditors for their services, and their expenses, and all damages, including those mentioned in section five of chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890 and as amended by chapter 123 of the Acts of 1891.

The Connecticut River Railroad Company shall pay sixty-five per cent thereof, and the said city of Chicopee ten per cent thereof.

We file herewith as a part of our decision, showing the alterations herein decided upon, a plan thereof in six sheets entitled Report of Commission, dated November 1, 1898, and signed by the Commissioners. Dated this first day of November, A. D. 1898.

George W. Wiggin }
 E. K. Turner } Commissioners.
 Fred D. Stanley }

A true copy. Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

(L. S.)

Endorsed on the back as follows:-

Hampden county Registry of Deeds. Jan. 7, 1899. Received 12 H.
 55 M. A. M. Recorded in Book 599 Page 105. Attest: James R. Wells,
 Register.

DECREE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Superior Court in Equity.

The MAYOR and ALDERMEN of CHICOPEE Petitioners for the Abolition of
 certain GRADE CROSSINGS in the city of CHICOPEE.

DECREE.

In this case the decision of George W. Wiggin, E. K. Turner and
 Fred D. Stanley, special commissioners having been duly returned and
 filed in this Court and the same having been considered and a certifi-
 cate of the RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS having been filed in this Court cer-
 tifying that in the judgment of the Railroad Commissioners, the expend-
 iture on the part of the Commonwealth under said certificate and previ-
 ous certificates issued agreeably to Section 11 of chapter 428 of the
 Acts of 1890 will not exceed the limit prescribed by said Act as amended
 by chapter 439 of the Acts of 1896, it is hereby ordered, adjudged and de-
 creed that the said decision be and the same is hereby confirmed and
 the findings thereof adopted, and the said Railroad corporation, and
 the parties, shall proceed to carry out the work of abolishing the res-
 pective grade crossings as in said report and decision of the Commis-
 sion is provided, and in the way and manner therein set forth.

By the Court,

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Endorsed on the back:-

It is agreed that the within decree may be entered.

City of Chicopee by its solicitor

Loranus E. Hitchcock.

Irwin and Hardy, atty. Conn. R.R. Co.

I do not care to be heard upon this decree.

F. T. Hammond, Asst. Attorney-General.

A true copy. Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

(L. S.)

Endorsed on the back as follows:-

Hampden county Registry of Deeds. Jan. 9, 1899, Received 3 H. 7 M. P.M.
 Recorded in Book 599 Page 126. Attest: James R. Wells, Register.

County Treasurer
authorized to borrow
in anticipation of
County Tax.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Feb. 1st, 1899.
VOTED,

That M. Wells Bridge, county treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the county, and in anticipation of the county tax, a sum of money not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$ 100,000.) and to make, execute and deliver a note or notes to that amount, payable November 6th, 1899, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual, as he, the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding three per cent per annum.

W. H. Brainerd }
J. H. Hendrick } County
J. M. Sickman } Commissioners.

Hartford & Connecticut
Western Railroad
Co., Petrs. to have
Decree of County
Commissioners modified.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the county of Hampden:

Respectfully represents the Hartford & Connecticut Western Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized, that by decree passed by the said County Commissioners on the 12th day of November, 1889, providing the manner by which said railroad should cross certain highways in Agawam, they determined among other things a way and manner by which crossing known as No. 4, otherwise called "Crossing No. 11," should be constructed, and in reference to said crossing passed the following as a portion of said decree, namely: At No. 4, otherwise called "Crossing No. 11", the westerly line of the highway shall begin at an iron pin in the west fence line of the present highway where the same passes between lands of Taylor Brothers in said town of Agawam; thence running north 22° 30' west 156 ft. to an iron pin; thence north 2° 45' east 110 8/10 ft. to an iron pin in the south line of the right of way of the Springfield branch of the Hartford & Connecticut Western Railroad Company as shown on plans of same in the office of the Town Clerk of the town of Agawam; thence along said line north 35° 17' east 40 ft. to an iron pin; thence north 54° 30' west 129 ft. to an iron pin in the south fence line of the highway leading to West Suffield. The southerly and easterly lines of said highway shall begin at an iron pin in the present east fence line of said highway, said pin being 57 ft. distant and opposite to the first mentioned point in the foregoing description of the west line; thence along the present easterly line of the highway north 6° 40' minutes west 135 ft.; thence along said line of highway north 2° 45' east 183 ft. to an iron pin; thence north 54° 30' west 170 ft. to the south fence line of highway leading to West Suffield, and 80 ft. distant, measured along said south line of highway, from the termination of the east line. And your petitioner further represents that it is now about to construct said railroad, and that since the passing of said decree it has been

deemed for the best interests of the public and for the said railroad that a modification shall be made in said crossing No. 4 as shown by the plan hereto annexed.

Wherefore, your petitioner asks that the Honorable Board will, after such hearing as may be deemed necessary, so modify and amend said decree that the way and manner in which said crossing No. 4 shall be made shall be as follows. At No. 4, otherwise called "Crossing No. 11", the westerly line of the highway shall begin at an iron pin in the west fence line of the present highway where the same passes between the lands of Taylor Bros. in the said town of Agawam; thence running north $26^{\circ} 13'$ west 80 ft. to an iron pin; thence running north $37^{\circ} 43'$ west 80 ft. to an iron pin; thence running north $54^{\circ} 43'$ west 178 ft. to an iron pin in the south fence line of the highway leading to West Suffield; thence running along said line north $32^{\circ} 47'$ east 66 ft. to an iron pin; thence running south $54^{\circ} 43'$ east 207 ft. to an iron pin; thence running south $32^{\circ} 13'$ east $76 \frac{5}{10}$ ft. to an iron pin; thence running south $20^{\circ} 43'$ east 105 ft. to an iron pin opposite and 58 ft. easterly of the point of beginning.

HARTFORD and CONNECTICUT WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

by Wm. W. McClench its atty.

Springfield Jany. 16, 1899.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following decree, to wit:-

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, February 7th, 1899.

On the Petition of the Hartford & Connecticut Western Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized, praying that after such hearing as may be deemed necessary, the County Commissioners would modify a decree passed by them on the 12th day of November, 1889, providing the manner by which said railroad should cross certain highways in Agawam,-

It appearing to said County Commissioners, that all persons and corporations interested therein have been duly notified, after hearing all parties interested on this 7th day of February, 1899, said Commissioners do order that said decree of November 12th, 1889, be so modified and amended that the way and manner in which Crossing No. 4 shall be made shall be as follows:

At No. 4, otherwise called "Crossing No. 11", the westerly line of the highway shall begin at an iron pin in the west fence line of the present highway where the same passes between the lands of Taylor Bros. in the said town of Agawam; thence running north $26^{\circ} 13'$ west 80 feet to an iron pin; thence running north $37^{\circ} 43'$ west 80 feet to an iron pin; thence running north $54^{\circ} 43'$ west 178 feet to an iron pin in the south fence line of the highway leading to West Suffield; thence running along said line north $32^{\circ} 47'$ east 66 feet to an iron pin; thence running south $54^{\circ} 43'$ east 207 feet to an iron pin; thence running south $32^{\circ} 13'$ east $76 \frac{5}{10}$ feet to an iron pin; thence running south $20^{\circ} 43'$ east 105

feet to an iron pin opposite and 58 feet easterly of the point of beginning.

The grade and width of said road to be the same as shown on plan annexed. The said Hartford and Connecticut Western Railroad Company is to pay all damages occasioned to private property by said modification.

W. H. Brainerd	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
J. H. Hendrick		

See Book 11, page 126.

Geo. C. Flynt et als.
Petr. to have bounds
of highway in Monson
established.

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Monson, Mass. Feb. 2, 1899.

To the County Commissioners, County of Hampden, Mass.
Gentlemen:- We the undersigned citizens of Monson respectfully petition your Honorable Board to relocate the highway as shown and described by the diagram attached. The present highway is ill-defined and should be straightened and have bounds established, from No. Main St. to a point west on Thompson St. some 300 feet.

Geo. C. Flynt and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. March 23rd, 1899.

On the petition of George C. Flynt and others, praying for the bounds of a highway to be established in Monson.- It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein, had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the eleventh day of March A. D. 1899, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that the bounds of said highway should be established. And at the time of said view, no person interested objected. And now said Commissioners establish the bounds of said highway in the manner following:- Beginning at a stone bound in the northerly side of the highway leading from Palmer to Monson, at the northeasterly corner of the cemetery, thence running north 64 degrees and 20 minutes west in line with said cemetery three hundred feet (300 ft.) to a stone bound. The road is laid out fifty feet wide on the northerly side of the above described line. And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Monson shall, on or before the first day of June 1899, complete and finish the same, so that twenty feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners. A plan is filed herewith and made a

part hereof.

W. H. Brainerd	} County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick	
J. M. Sickman	

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. March 23rd A.D. 1899.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

The sum of seventy-two dollars and twenty cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the county treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Allowance for damages done to sheep.

The County Commissioners having apportioned the moneys received under the provision of the Statutes relative to dogs, not otherwise expended, order that the same amounting to the sum of ten thousand nine hundred and eighteen dollars and seventy-three cents be paid to the Treasurers of the several cities and towns of the county, in the proportions following, viz.

Apportionment of dog tax.

To the Treasurer of Agawam,	\$ 247.36
To the Treasurer of Blandford,	140.10
To the Treasurer of Brimfield,	202.39
To the Treasurer of Chester,	162.02
To the Treasurer of Chicopee,	979.64
To the Treasurer of East Longmeadow,	132.62
To the Treasurer of Granville,	174.13
To the Treasurer of Hampden,	153.38
To the Treasurer of Holland,	31.71
To the Treasurer of Holyoke,	1,687.14
To the Treasurer of Longmeadow,	81.30
To the Treasurer of Ludlow,	228.91
To the Treasurer of Monson,	436.49
To the Treasurer of Montgomery,	42.67
To the Treasurer of Palmer,	519.52
To the Treasurer of Russell,	106.67
To the Treasurer of Southwick,	163.18
To the Treasurer of Springfield,	3,661.04
To the Treasurer of Tolland,	60.54
To the Treasurer of Wales,	69.19
To the Treasurer of Westfield,	843.01
To the Treasurer of West Springfield,	628.51
To the Treasurer of Wilbraham,	167.21
	<u>\$ 10,918.73</u>

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of twenty-four thousand and three hundred and thirty-one dollars and thirty-six cents, are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Accounts.

\$ 24,331.36

Hampden, ss. April 5th, 1899.

Judgment is entered up according to reports, &c., and all matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris

Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the eleventh day of said month, and by adjournment on the seventeenth and twenty-fifth days of said April, and by adjournment on the third, eighth, thirteenth, fifteenth, eighteenth and twenty-fourth days of May, and by adjournment on the second, seventh, ninth, sixteenth and twentieth days of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, - William H. Brainerd, Esq. Chairman
James M. Sickman, Esq.
Joel H. Hendrick, Esq.

County
Commissioners.

Nathan H. Powers et
als., Petrs. for
Discontinuance of
portions of highways
in Brimfield.

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To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden.-

Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens of said county, that the following highways in West Brimfield in the town of Brimfield in said county namely, the highway beginning at a point where the southerly line of the road leading from said West Brimfield to Palmer Center intersects with the westerly line of the old county road leading past the Boston and Albany Railroad station in said West Brimfield; thence extending southerly along said railroad to the point where said county road formerly crossed said railroad.

Also the highway about seven rods in length, situate on the easterly side of said railroad and nearly opposite of the point first above mentioned and is a portion of said road from West Brimfield to Palmer Center extended across said railroad, and extends about seven rods from said railroad easterly to westerly line of new road laid out over land of F. F. Marcy to bridge over said railroad, have ceased to be necessary for public travel and may with greater convenience be discontinued.

We therefore make application hereby for the discontinuance of said highways.

February 24th, 1899.

Nathan H. Powers and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

June 20th, 1899.

On the petition of Nathan H. Powers and others, praying for highways to be discontinued in Brimfield,-

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1899, view said highways and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that one of said highways should be discontinued.

And now said Commissioners discontinue said highway in the manner following:-

Beginning at a point where the southerly line of the road leading from West Brimfield to Palmer Center intersects with the westerly line of the old county road leading past the Boston & Albany Railroad station in said West Brimfield; thence extending southerly along said railroad to the point where said county road formerly crossed said railroad.

W. H. Brainerd	} County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick	
J. M. Sickman	

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. June 20th, 1899.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens of West Springfield in said county, that the locations of River St., so-called, in said town, extending from the covered bridge over the Agawam river, between the towns of Agawam and West Springfield to Baldwin St., in said West Springfield; Baldwin St., extending from its junction with River St., under the tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad to its junction with Park St., and Boulevard St., from its junction with Park St., to the top of Sand Hill so-called are uncertain in several places, their bounds being obscure and in many places undefined and generally need revision.

Wherefore we pray that you view said streets, relocate the same, widen, straighten and define their bounds as in your judgment public necessity and convenience may require.

H. E. Schmuck and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and was continued to this meeting and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. June 2d, 1899.

On the petition of H. E. Schmuck and others, praying for certain

H. E. Schmuck et als.
Petrs. for relocation
of highway in West
Springfield.

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Pages 47-52.

For Amendment see
page 104.

Second Amendment see
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highways to be relocated in West Springfield. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1899, view said highways, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highways should be relocated. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the 24th day of May, 1899, as the time when they would proceed to relocate said highways, and gave due notice as the law directs.

And now said Commissioners relocate said highways in the manner following:-

SAND HILL ROAD.

Beginning at a point which bears north $88^{\circ} 02'$ east and is 197.02 feet from the intersection of the westerly line of sand hill road with West-field road; thence south $40^{\circ} 30'$ east, 90 feet to a granite monument; thence, continuing south $40^{\circ} 30'$ east 666.76 feet to a granite monument; thence south $44^{\circ} 46'$ east, 201.39 feet to a granite monument; thence south $45^{\circ} 21'$ east, 254.81 feet to a granite monument; thence south $32^{\circ} 30'$ east, 367.48 feet to a granite monument which is the intersection of Park street and Sand Hill road; thence, crossing the Sand Hill road, at right angles south $57^{\circ} 30'$ west, 100 feet to a granite monument; thence south $32^{\circ} 30'$ east, 59.9 feet to a stone monument which is at the intersection of the westerly line of Sand Hill road with the northerly line of Park street extension. Thence, returning to the stone monument which is 100 feet distant from and at right angles to the above mentioned stone on the easterly line of Sand Hill road, and running thence north $29^{\circ} 19'$ west, 359.05 feet to a stone monument, the street at this point being 80 feet in width. Thence north $42^{\circ} 56'$ west 247.10 feet to a stone monument; thence north $44^{\circ} 43'$ west 199.65 feet to a stone monument, the street at this point being 70 feet in width. Thence north $45^{\circ} 53'$ west, 890.13 feet to a stone monument at the intersection of the westerly line of Sand Hill road and the southerly line of the West-field road.

RIVER and BALDWIN STREETS.

Beginning at a granite monument in the northerly line of Bridge street, said granite monument being the first angle point in said Bridge street east of the Agawam bridge; thence by a curve to the right of 67.51 radius 67.22 feet to a granite monument; thence north $42^{\circ} 30'$ west, 443.96 feet to a granite monument, thence returning to the granite monument first described and running westerly on the northerly line of Bridge street, 100.61 feet to a granite monument at the commencement and westerly line of River street; thence, by a curve to the left radius 10 feet 13.62 feet to a granite monument; thence north $41^{\circ} 24'$ west 509.87 feet to a granite monument which is 50 feet distant from and at right angles to the last described course on the easterly side of said River street; thence, continuing on the westerly side of River street by a curve to the right of 450.3 feet radius 369.24 feet to a granite monument; thence north $4^{\circ} 29'$ east, 155.98 feet to a granite monument; thence by a curve

to the right of 789.5 feet radius 338.95 feet to a granite monument; thence north 29° 05' east, 537.91 feet to a granite monument; thence north 22° 42' east, 182.52 feet to a granite monument; thence, by a curve to the right of 789.5 feet radius 313.0 feet to a granite monument; thence, north 45° 25' east, 275.48 feet to a granite monument. Thence by a curve to the left of 1181.6 feet radius 455.76 feet to a granite monument; thence north 23° 19' east, 113.42 feet to a granite monument; thence by a curve to the left of 543.42 feet radius 264.93 feet, to a granite monument; thence north 4° 37' west, 268.96 feet to a granite monument; thence north 3° 34' west, 423.97 feet to a granite monument; thence by a curve to the left of 78.0 feet radius 51.6 feet to a granite monument at the intersection of the westerly line of Baldwin street and the southerly line of Park street; thence crossing Baldwin street 71.7 feet to a granite monument at the intersection of the easterly line of Baldwin street and the southerly line of Park street. From the last monument in the above description of the east side of River street to a monument opposite the beginning of the curve on the west side of Baldwin street at its intersection with Park street the east line is parallel with the above described west line and 50 feet distant therefrom; thence north 3° 34' west 73.71 feet to a granite monument heretofore described as being in the southerly line of said Park street.

Plans of said relocations are filed herewith and made a part of this location report.

And the owners of the land over which said highways are thus laid out are allowed until the first day of July next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highways, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To	
Michael Corcoran	\$ 125.00
Timothy Shean	25.00
Rev. J. J. O'Keefe	50.00
Geo. O. Kingsbury now or formerly, lots Nos. 75, 76, 77, 78 & 79 on plan of lots filed in Registry of Deeds,	50.00
Geo. O. Kingsbury now or formerly, lots Nos. 131, 132 & 133 on plan aforesaid, filed in said Registry of Deeds,	20.00
J. Wheeler	15.00
John Loughman	175.00
Cornelius Sullivan	150.00
Estate of Julius Day	100.00
Edward Peter and William P. Daly	125.00
Mrs. Philip Daly	150.00
Lewis Phillips	100.00
H. B. Worden	25.00
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	\$ 1,110.00

To be paid to them out of the county treasury when the land over which the highways are located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highways.

W. H. Brainerd }
J. H. Hendrick } County
J. M. Sickman } Commissioners.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, June 2d, 1899.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded, that the said roads may be known as public highways forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

H. W. Allen awarded contract for purchase of grease at Jail.

April 17, 1899. H. W. Allen was awarded the contract for the purchase of grease at the Jail for the year ensuing, at two and one fourth cents per pound.

Charles Ward released from Truant School on parole.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, April 17th, 1899.

To all persons to whom these presents shall come,- GREETING:

Whereas it appears to said Commissioners, after due notice having been given as required by law, that it will be for the best interest of Charles Ward of Springfield, in said county, a child committed to the Hampden County Truant School, by the Police Court of the city of Springfield, to be at liberty,-

It is now ordered that the said Charles Ward be permitted to go on his parole during the remainder of his said sentence.

W. H. Brainerd }
J. H. Hendrick } County
J. M. Sickman } Commissioners.

H. Dodge awarded the contract for making alterations at the Court-house.

C O N T R A C T .

This Agreement made on this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, by and between HASCAI DODGE of Springfield, Massachusetts, Contractor and Builder,

Party of the First Part,

A N D

the county of Hampden in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by its Board of County Commissioners, . . . Party of the Second Part.
Witnesseth, That the said Party of the First Part for the Consideration hereinafter named, hereby covenants and agrees for himself, his heirs, executors or assigns, unto the said Party of the Second Part or their

successors, to do and perform all labor and furnish all material required for the entire completion of the alterations at the Court-house, as set forth in the plans and specifications prepared by Edward Walther, architect.

Said work to be completed on or before the first day of September, 1899, to the acceptance of said County Commissioners and their architect, said Edward Walther.

The said Party of the Second Part agrees upon the satisfactory completion of said work, to pay to the said Party of the First Part the sum of Twenty-seven Hundred and Forty-two Dollars, (\$ 2742.). PROVIDED, however, if the said Party of the First Part should desire to receive any payment on account, that such payment shall be based upon a fair estimate prepared by the said Edward Walther. And eighty per cent. of said estimate may be paid to the said Party of the First Part, the remaining twenty per cent. to be paid when final settlement is made.

The said plans and specifications are hereby made a part of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

In presence of

H. Dodge (Seal).

James R. Wells

Contractor and Builder.

to all.

W. H. Brainerd

M. Wells Bridge

J. H. Hendrick

County Commissioners of
Hampden County.

(Seal of Hampden County)

J. M. Sickman

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S.

for ALTERATIONS required in the HAMPDEN COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
Springfield, Mass.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The said alterations are to be made in strict accordance with plans and these specifications prepared for this purpose by Edward Walther, Architect, and according to his direction, to the entire satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioners of the county of Hampden and the aforesaid Architect.

All labor and materials called for by the drawings and specifications and directions are to be the best of their several kinds and qualities, and are to be subject to the inspection and approval or rejection of the Board of County Commissioners and the Architect.

The Contractor shall examine the Court-house thoroughly study the plans, and inquire from the Architect about anything not plain to him, so as to enable him to give an intelligent and complete figure for his bid. No extras shall be allowed except upon the written order of the Architect countersigned by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for the county of Hampden, Mass.

DRAWINGS:

The drawings and specifications are intended to coincide, but should anything be shown on the drawings and not mentioned in the specifications

or vice versa, the same shall be done and furnished same as if mentioned in the specifications and set forth in the drawings, and should anything be omitted in both necessary to complete the work according to a fair and reasonable interpretation of the true intent and meaning of the drawings and specifications, the said work and materials shall be done and furnished same as if herein explicitly mentioned, described and shown on the drawings.

All disputes arising as to the true interpretation of these specifications and drawings to be referred to the Architect, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

The contractor is to assume all responsibility that the work is properly carried out, and according to the plans, specifications and directions. He is to take his own measurements for all beams, columns, windows, floors, &c. The contractor is to assume all risk as to accidents, whether to persons or property. Any damage done to the new or old work, whether caused by accident or the action of the elements, must be made good at the contractor's expense.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK:

Remove stairway where shown on the plans, and construct new stairway into the basement, on opposite side, as shown. The contractor may utilize all material which has to be removed, which may be suitable, according to the opinion of the Architect.

Cut out doors and openings, as shown on plans. Set iron beams and columns, as shown.

Cut out present stair windows and replace same with regular windows same as on present building. Windows in second floor to remain as they are, except change in sash and glass.

Workmanship and material to be the same to the smallest detail as on present building. Great care must be taken to support upper part of wall so as to prevent any settling during the progress of the work, and when the new work is in place, before supports of upper wall are removed, the old work must be keyed and secured, so as to prevent any possible settling.

All stone work and brick work to be laid in full cement mortar, using one part of Alpha Portland Cement to three parts of clean sharp sand.

CUT STONE:

All cut stone required to be of exactly the same material and color as stone in the present building, wrought and finished to resemble the present work in every particular. All stone to be bound into wall and firmly anchored to same.

BRICK WORK:

All brick work required for new wall, piers and backing for stone work to be good hard-burned builders' brick, laid with solid flushed joints, laid in cement mortar as previously described. All walls and piers in basement to have struck joints, the walls to be rubbed off with

with brick and water, and white-washed three good coats of lime white-wash. Ceilings in basement where brick arches are laid to be rubbed off and white-washed. All brick to be wet immediately previous to laying.

FLAGGERS:

Lay under all piers stone flaggers three feet by three feet, under all walls three feet wide and not less than five feet long and eight inches thick. All well bedded in puddled gravel.

Where basement floor has to be disturbed make all necessary repairs of same material as at present, on floors, in a good substantial manner.

VENTILATION FLUES:

Connect into existing ventilating flues the existing flue of Registry of Deeds Office, also the new room formed by the removal of stairway and the toilet room connected thereto, as shown on plan, and connect new flues to main duct in attic.

TOILET ROOM:

Remove carefully all plumbing and fixtures from present toilet room connected with present Registry of Deeds Office, and replace same in new toilet room, in corner of new room, as shown on plan. Any part of said plumbing which may break or may prove to be unfit for further use must be made and furnished by contractor, at his expense. The contractor is to connect the new toilet room into soil pipe, and make all work and material satisfactory to the Inspector of Plumbing of the city of Springfield, Mass.

Floor in toilet room and in new room to be tiled with vitreous tiling. Marble base 1" thick, 12" high, beveled on top and polished, to be run in new room and toilet room on first floor, firmly secured to wall by nickel plated screws.

Lay on and level up over arches with concrete, made of one part of Alpha Portland Cement to two parts of sharp, clean sand, and five parts of fresh broken stone, thoroughly cleaned, and enough water so as to flush after thoroughly ramming, to a height to allow tile to set on one inch of full cement mortar; lay on tiles and grout and wash to fill all joints with clean Portland Cement grout.

On second floor arches bed into concrete 2" x 3" strips to nail flooring to, strips to be laid every 12", top of concrete to be perfectly level with top of strips, over-lay this with two thicknesses of tar paper, one nailed to strips, the other mopped on with hot tar, then lay on top 1 1/8" rift Southern Pine top flooring, planed and matched, 2 1/2" wide, and blind-nailed to every strip with wire nails.

IRON WORK:

Furnish and set, as shown on plans, all iron I beams and channel beams and iron columns, with top and bottom plates, as required, each iron beam to rest on 1" iron wall plate, bottom plates of columns to cover entire surface of brick pier, i.e., 16" square, and to be 1 1/2" thick, top plates on columns to be grooved and planed to receive the iron girder, and to have round webb to receive the top of columns. All wall

plates to be 16" long x 8" wide, with web for width of iron beam, 8" bearing on each end of iron beams is required, and front face of plate to be set to line of vertical walls. All iron beams to be set parallel to walls and perfectly level. Girder under iron beams on Registry of Deeds room to be set level, and if there is one or more of the present iron beams which should not rest on girder, same to be shimmed up with steel wedges driven from both sides without raising the beams.

Iron door to present Registry of Deeds room to be removed, and opening to be bricked up. If iron door is satisfactory to the Board of County Commissioners and the Architect, same may be used where shown on plan; otherwise a new door has to be furnished. All doors leading from hall into rooms to be protected by iron doors. All wooden doors to be as now on Registry Deeds room, but to have plate glass sash. Iron doors to be provided with iron frames and safety locks.

The two doors now leading into Messenger's room and Deputy Sheriffs' room to have upper panel removed and plate glass inserted.

Partition between Deputy Sheriffs' room and Messenger's room to be taken out, floor and ceiling to be repaired and painted. All repair work on plastering, as well as all new plastering, to be two coats Adamant work, finished to correspond with present work. The patched plastering to be painted to perfectly match the old work, and if this should be found to be not possible, the entire walls have to be painted over, to present a uniform and neat appearance. All wood work in Registry of Deeds room and connecting rooms to be rubbed off, new varnished, and rubbed to a dull finish, same as required for all wood work in these as well as room on second floor, which has to be filled, rubbed off, and coated with rubbing varnish, and rubbed down with pumice stone and oil to a dull and even finish.

FURRING AND LATHING:

All new walls and where repairs are made in old walls to be furred with 1" x 2" spruce furring, and lathed with metal lathing.

PLASTERING:

Adamant Wall Plaster to be used for all new work and repairs. Use Adamant #2 for first coat, straightened, and slash with a little water before using the Darby; when this coat is dry apply #XXX similar to present finish; trowel and smooth, using but little water. All plastering must run to the floor; the plasterer to do all mending and patching, and leave the apartments and halls broom clean.

All plastering to be made in conformity of present work, and to be painted in tints as selected by the Board of County Commissioners or the Architect in charge. All painting of new work to have three good coats of linseed and pure white lead; all old work that has to be painted over to have one strong coat of white lead in linseed oil, and to be perfectly matched in color to old work.

The new walls have to be carried up to point above ceiling in second floor, as shown, but the ceiling in the room thus formed shall not

be so high as the present ceiling; height of new ceiling to be given by the County Commissioners, or as shown on plans.

Ceiling to be formed by 3" x 12" spruce ceiling, joists to have two rows of cross bridging of 2" x 3" spruce, overlaid with #1 matched spruce floor, 1 1/8" thick, planed, 3" wide.

Ceil up under side of joists with 1 1/8" spruce lining boards and iron ceiling, costing 15 cents per square foot, put up in neat panels and painted three good coats of lead in linseed oil, color to be selected by Architect; if any bronzing on ceiling is desired same must be done without extra charge. Run iron frieze 18" deep, and corner and picture moulding in upper room. Set up railing, which may be formed from present stair railing, on top of brick wall on floor over second story new room.

INSIDE FINISH:

All inside finish to be in strict conformity to the present finish, filled and rubbed to present the same appearance. In new room on second floor set up wainscoting same as in present County Commissioners' room. All doors, transoms, windows, casings, and all fixtures, as well as hardware, locks, etc., to be of same style and material as in present building. Each lock to be provided with three keys.

WINDOWS AND STAIRWAY:

The windows which remain in the remaining stairway walls, and have art glass now, are to be changed into ground plate glass, using the present sash, if suitable, otherwise new sash to be provided.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, June 7th, 1899.

In the matter of the petition of Henry E. Schmuck and others praying for the relocation &c., of highways in West Springfield, finished at this April Meeting, 1899, it now appears to the said commissioners that an error has been made.

It is therefore ordered that the location report be amended by striking out the name of Michael Corcoran, which is among the names of those to whom damages were awarded by reason of the taking of lands, and inserting in place thereof the name "Martin Quinlivan".

W. H. Brainerd	}	County Commissioners Hampden County.
J. H. Hendrick		
J. M. Sickman		

H. E. Schmuck et als.
Petrs. for relocation
of highway in West
Springfield.

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Location Report
Amended.

Second Amendment see
page 110.

County Tax Assessed. In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session granting a tax of one hundred and forty-six thousand dollars, (\$ 146,000.) for the county of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said county, in manner following:-

Agawam,	\$ 1,476.80	
Blandford,	492.26	
Brimfield,	463.30	
Chester,	723.91	
Chicopee,	10,366.60	
East Longmeadow,	723.91	
Granville,	405.39	
Hampden,	434.35	
Holland,	86.87	
Holyoke,	35,298.30	
Longmeadow,	810.78	
Ludlow,	1,389.92	
Monson,	2,113.84	
Montgomery,	144.78	
Palmer,	3,127.35	
Russell,	492.26	
Southwick,	579.13	
Springfield,	71,552.15	
Tolland,	144.78	
Wales,	318.52	
Westfield,	8,860.76	
West Springfield,	5,125.34	
Wilbraham,	868.70	\$ 146,000.

And warrants have been issued dated June ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns and cities in said county directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and to cause the amount so collected to be paid into the county treasury.

Accounts.

\$ 11,104.44

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of eleven thousand, one hundred and four dollars and forty-four cents, are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Hampden, ss. June 20th, 1899.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty-seventh day of said month, and by adjournments on the fifth, fourteenth and twenty-first days of July, on the second day of August and on the sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, Esq.	
Joel H. Hendrick, Esq.	

To the County Commissioners of Hampden county.-

The undersigned inhabitants of Palmer in said county respectfully represent that the boundaries of a certain highway in Thorndike in said Palmer, known as Commercial street, extending from Main street southerly to point of intersection with High street; thence southeasterly along said High street, formerly known as the "old county road" to house of Michael Roche, are ill-defined and that said street and highway is narrow and dangerous.

Wherefore your petitioners make application to you to locate anew said street and highway for the purpose of establishing the boundary lines thereof and making such alterations in the course and width thereof as to you shall seem meet and proper.

Palmer, Mass. April 11th, 1899.

H. E. W. Clark and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, September 22nd, 1899.

On the petition of H. E. W. Clark and others, praying for a highway to be located anew in Palmer. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said Commissioners did, on the 22nd day of May, A.D. 1899, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be located anew. And at the time of said view, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the 6th day of July, 1899, as the time when they would proceed to locate anew said highway, and gave due notice as the law directs.

And now said Commissioners locate anew said highway in the manner

H. E. W. Clark et als
Petrs. to locate anew
a highway in Palmer.

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Pages 64-66.

For Amendment see
page 137.

following:-

Description of Relocation of Commercial street and a part of High street
in Thorndike Village, Palmer, Mass.

Description of the westerly or right hand side of street.

Beginning at a stone bound, (or at a drill hole in one of the stones of the existing wall,) on or near the southerly line of Main street and by land of the Thorndike Manufacturing Co., thence southerly by a curve with a radius of thirteen (13) feet, deflecting to the right, and length of seventeen and eighteen hundredths (17.18) feet to a stone bound; thence S. 11° 24' E. one hundred and seventy-eight and twenty hundredths (178.20) feet to a stone bound in front of Capt. H. E. W. Clark's residence; thence S. 19° 09' E. eight hundred and seventy-two and forty hundredths (872.40) feet to a stone bound on or near the southerly line of High street and by land of Washington Keith; thence S. 46° 50' E. four hundred and ninety-five and fifteen hundredths (495.15) feet to a stone bound by land of Mrs. Gates; thence S. 44° 10' E. two hundred and thirty-six and four hundredths (236.04) feet to a stone bound by land of Mrs. Gates; thence S. 47° 20' E. three hundred and fifty-nine and seventy-nine hundredths (359.79) feet to a stone bound by land of E. F. Clark; thence deflecting to the right 13° 51' by a curve with a radius of six hundred and fifty-seven and eighty-nine hundredths (657.89) feet and length of one hundred and fifty-nine and three hundredths (159.03) feet to a stone bound by land of Mrs. John Malloy; thence S. 33° 29' E. one hundred and eighty-four and seven hundredths (184.07) feet to a stone bound near the division line between the Thorndike Manufacturing Co., and A. Ramsden; thence S. 46° 32' E. three hundred and forty-seven and thirty-three hundredths (347.33) feet to a stone bound by land of Cornelius Healy; thence S. 49° 40' E. three hundred and sixty-eight and thirty-four hundredths (368.34) feet to a stone bound in the present traveled road leading to Palmer Depot Village, and opposite the residence of Charles McCarthy; thence S. 77° 43' E. two hundred and forty-three and eighty-three hundredths (243.83) feet to a stone bound on or near the westerly line of the road leading from Thorndike village to Palmer Depot village, and at corner of land of Michael Roach.

The easterly or left hand side is described as follows:-

Beginning at a stone bound on or near the southerly line of Main street and bearing S. 87° 08' E. ninety-eight and sixty-four hundredths (98.64) feet from the point marking the commencement of the aforesaid westerly side, and near the business block owned by R. L. Bond, thence southerly by a curve deflecting to left with a radius of twenty-five (25) feet and length of forty-four and fifty-six hundredths (44.56) feet to a stone bound in front of said Bond's block; thence S. 9° 16' E. one hundred and thirty-six and fifty-two hundredths (136.52) feet to a stone bound by land of George Mooers and bearing N. 70° 51' E. fifty (50) feet from the stone bound in front of Capt. Clark's residence; thence parallel with aforesaid described westerly line and fifty (50) feet distant therefrom

eight hundred and seventy and eighty-three hundredths (870.83) feet to a stone bound by land of Edward Hallez; thence parallel with aforesaid described westerly line and forty-five (45) feet distant therefrom to a stone bound about thirty-one (31) feet westerly of the westerly line of the aforesaid road leading from Thorndike village to Palmer Depot village, and near a tenement house owned by the Thorndike Manufacturing Co.; thence easterly and northerly by a curve deflecting to the left with a radius of sixteen (16) feet and length of thirty-five and eight hundredths (35.08) feet to a stone bound on or near the westerly line of said road.

And the owners of the land over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of June next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To M. Lawlor,	\$ 50.
A. M. Bond,	50.
Edward Hallez,	400.
St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society,	20.
Thorndike Manufacturing Company,	100.

To be paid to them by the town of Palmer, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Palmer shall, on or before the first day of July, 1900, complete and finish the same, the entire width of the layout. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

William H. Brainerd, Esquire, County Commissioner, being disqualified on account of residence, William H. Porter, Esquire, Special Commissioner, was called in and acted in his stead.

A plan of said relocation is filed herewith and made a part of this location report.

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
Wm. H. Porter, Special Commissioner.	

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, September 22nd, A. D. 1899

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Christine Law, Asst. Clerk. ✓

C. W. Bates et als.
Petrs. for new loca-
tion and discontinu-
ance of highways in
Blandford.

24.

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Amendment

RECORD BOOK

see Book 14 page 11.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

We the undersigned citizens of Blandford and other adjoining towns, respectfully petition your honorable board, that a new highway is necessary in the south part of Blandford, and that common convenience and public necessity require the laying out by your honorable board such highway.

Beginning at a point near schoolhouse near M. A. Hall, thence running in an easterly direction on or near the lines of an "Old discontinued road" to four corners near Wm. Bates. Also to discontinue the road from what was formerly Curtis Hall place to Granville road.

Your petitioners request that after due proceedings your honorable board lay out said highway substantially as above described.

C. W. Bates, and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, August 2nd, 1899.

On the petition of C. W. Bates and others, praying for certain highways to be located and discontinued in Blandford, It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 27th day of May, A.D. 1899, view said highways and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highways should be located and discontinued. After adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the 11th day of July, 1899, as the time when they would proceed to locate said highway, and gave due notice as the law directs.

And now said Commissioners locate said highway in the manner following:- Beginning at a stone bound on the northerly side of the Granville road at the land of C. Dugdale and runs thence N. 21° W. three hundred and fifty-four (354) feet to a stone bound. Thence on land of C. Dugdale N. 44° W. one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet to a stone bound. Thence on land of C. Dugdale N. 37° W. two hundred and twenty-nine (229) feet to a stone bound. Thence on land of C. Dugdale and J. H. Moore and David Smith estate N. 51° W. nine hundred and nine (909) feet to a stone bound. Thence on land of David Smith estate N. 45° W. two hundred and fifty-three (253) feet to a stone bound. Thence on land of David Smith estate and land claimed by one Bates and the David Smith estate and land of Clarence Bates N. 43° W. twenty-one hundred (2100) feet to a stone bound. Thence on land of David Smith estate N. 52° W. seven hundred and seventy-six (776) feet to a stone bound on the southerly side of the Beach Hill road. The foregoing description is

laid on the westerly side of the road and the easterly side is 50 feet distant therefrom and parallel thereto. And said commissioners discontinued that portion of a highway in said town of Blandford extending from a stone monument just westerly of the dwelling-house known as the "Curtis Hall Place", to Granville road.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of September, next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out and discontinuing said highways have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To C. Dugdale,	\$ 25.00
J. H. Moore,	125.00
David Smith estate,	10.00

To be paid to them out of the county treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Blandford shall on or before the first day of November, 1899, complete and finish the same, so that twelve feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be three inches higher than the sides by a circular, curved surface; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level, or a regularly inclined plane. Suitable bridges and culverts shall be constructed where necessary. Stone bounds are to be set at all the angles on the westerly side of the above road. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the sides shall not exceed one foot perpendicular, to one and one-half feet horizontal. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners. A plan of said location of highway is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

W. H. Brainerd	} County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick	
J. M. Sickman	

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. Aug. 2nd, A.D. 1899.
The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Selectmen of Blandford
et als., Petrs. for
discontinuance of
highway in Blandford
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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

We the undersigned citizens of the town of Blandford, in the county of Hampden, hereby represent, that public necessity, nor convenience, do not require, that the road leading from what was formerly the dwelling-house on the Wiley Stewart farm so-called, to the Smith road so-called, (all in said town of Blandford,) should longer be a public way, and we petition your honorable body that you will view the said roads and discontinue the same, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Blandford, Mass., April 10th, 1899.

J. E. Cooney

S. H. Bodurtha

A. W. Lloyd

Selectmen of Blandford and others,
Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, September 9th, 1899.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Blandford and others, praying for a highway in Blandford to be discontinued,-

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the eleventh day of July, A. D. 1899, view said highway and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that a certain portion of said highway should be discontinued. And at the time of said view no person interested objected.

And now said Commissioners discontinue said highway in the manner following:-

Beginning near the house of Wiley Stewart, so-called, thence running southwesterly to a stone monument south of the brook near the corner of land owned by David F. Hamilton.

W. H. Brainerd

J. H. Hendrick

J. M. Sickman

County
Commissioners.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Sept. 9th, 1899.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned, inhabitants of the town of Brimfield in said county, that the common convenience and necessity require that that portion of the highway in said town known as the Palmer and Brimfield road beginning at the terminus of the state road, so-called, near Fosket's mill and extending easterly up the hill toward Brimfield to the point where a road leads off to the north toward the Josiah Stebbins farm, be located anew.

They further represent that common convenience and necessity require that a new highway be laid out in said town from a point in said Palmer and Brimfield road near the barn of D. W. Fosket, thence southeasterly and easterly substantially as surveyed by the Massachusetts Highway Commission over land of said D. W. Fosket, land of Elmer I. Bradway, land of C. H. Strong and land of W. G. Parker to a point in the highway leading from Brimfield to Monson near the dwelling-house of W. G. Parker.

Wherefore they pray your Honorable Board to view the premises, hear the parties, and locate anew said first described highway and lay out said last described highway and make such other orders and decrees in the premises as to your Honorable Board may seem meet and proper.

And they further pray that you will adjudge and determine what portion, if any, of the said Palmer and Brimfield highway lying between Fosket's mill and the dwelling-house of W. G. Parker may be discontinued, and take such steps in the premises as will effect a discontinuance thereof.

Brimfield, Mass., June 12th, 1899.

Arthur B. Brown and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, July 21st, 1899.

On the petition of Arthur B. Brown and others, praying for a highway to be located anew and laid out in Brimfield,- It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 17th day of July, A. D. 1899, view said highway and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be located anew and laid out. And at the time of said view, no person interested objected.

And now said Commissioners locate said highway in the manner following:

Beginning at a stone bound on the westerly side of a 60 ft. road, said stone bound being at the end of the 1897 layout of the Massachusetts

Arthur B. Brown et
als., Petrs. for new
highway and relocation
of highway in Brim-
field.

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State Highway Commission and bearing S. 7° 48' W. Thence by a curve to the left of 273.38 feet radius two hundred and forty-five and one one-hundredth (245.01) feet to a stone bound on land of D. W. Foskett. Thence S. 43° 33' E. two hundred and twenty-seven and forty-five one-hundredths (227.45) feet to a stone bound. Thence by a curve to the right of 76.79 feet radius eighty-five and one one-hundredth (85.01) feet to a stone bound. Thence S. 19° 53' W. two hundred and forty-five and thirty-five one-hundredths (245.35) feet to a stone bound. Thence by a curve to the left of 261.73 feet radius two hundred and thirteen and twenty-five one-hundredths (213.25) feet to a stone bound on land of D. W. Foskett. Thence S. 26° 48' E. one thousand one hundred and eight and eleven one-hundredths (1108.11) feet to a stone bound on land of E. I. Bradway. Thence by a curve to the left of 538.37 feet radius two hundred and fifty-nine and fifty-eight one-hundredths (259.58) feet to a stone bound. Thence S. 54° 25' 42" E. two hundred and fifty-eight and nine tenths (258.9) feet to a stone bound. Thence by a curve to the right of 516.07 feet radius two hundred and twenty-three and twenty-seven hundredths (223.27) feet to a stone bound on land of E. I. Bradway. Thence by a curve to the right of 128.79 feet radius one hundred and forty-four and ninety-three one-hundredths (144.93) feet to a stone bound on land of C. R. Strong. Thence S. 34° 50' 23" W. four hundred and sixty-nine and sixty-nine one-hundredths (469.69) feet to a stone bound. Thence by a curve to the left of 208.0 feet radius three hundred and twenty-nine and five one-hundredths (329.05) feet to a stone bound. Thence S. 55° 48' E. eighty-three and twenty-seven one-hundredths (83.27) feet to a stone bound. Thence by a curve to the left of 388.73 feet radius three hundred and seven and ninety-one one-hundredths (307.90) feet to a stone bound. Thence N. 78° 49' E. one hundred and seventy-nine and ninety one-hundredths (179.90) feet to a stone bound. Thence by a curve to the right of 140.96 feet radius one hundred and forty-nine and twenty-one one-hundredths (149.21) feet to a stone bound. Thence S. 40° 32' E. eighty-eight and ninety-five one-hundredths (88.95) feet to a stone bound. Thence by a curve to the left of 202.62 radius one hundred and thirty-five and fifty-six one-hundredths (135.56) feet to a stone bound. Thence S. 78° 52' E. one hundred and four and twenty-two one-hundredths (104.22) feet to a stone bound on land of C. R. Strong. Thence by a curve to the right of 163.2 feet radius two hundred and fifteen and thirty-eight one-hundredths (215.38) feet to a stone bound on land of W. G. Parker. Thence on land of said Parker S. 3° 15' E. seventy-eight and thirty-two one-hundredths (78.32) feet to a stone bound. Thence by a curve to the left of 271.30 feet radius three hundred and one and sixty-two one-hundredths (301.62) feet to a stone bound. Thence S. 66° 57' E. two hundred and one and seventy-four one-hundredths (201.74) feet to a stone bound. Thence 69° 57' E. seven hundred and eighty-seven and seventy-two one-hundredths (787.72) feet along land of W. G. Parker to a stone bound at an old road.

Said road is laid out sixty (60) feet wide on the easterly side of the above described line with such additional width as may be necessary to include the slopes as shown on plan filed herewith.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the fifteenth day of August next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To D. W. Foskett,	\$ 750.
E. I. Bradway,	175.
C. R. Strong,	75.

To be paid to them by said town of Brimfield, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

A plan and profile of said location of highway is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

And it is further ordered that at and from the time of the completion of the above location of highway, that that part of the Palmer and Brimfield road extending westerly from a stone monument westerly of the house of George Holdridge to a stone monument east of the house of E. I. Bradway be discontinued. And it is ordered by said Commissioners that there be paid from the County Treasury to said George Holdridge the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.) when said highway is discontinued.

W. H. Brainerd)	County
J. H. Hendrick)	
J. M. Sickman)	Commissioners.

Hampden, ss.- County Commissioners' Meeting. July 21st, A.D. 1899.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Christine Law, Assistant Clerk.

J. B. Burbank was awarded the contract for removing the offal from the jail for the year ensuing, for ninety-five dollars (\$95), July 5, 1899.

J. B. Burbank awarded contract for removing Offal at Jail.

July 17, 1899. Contract for furnishing jail, court-house and truant school with coal for the ensuing year awarded G. C. Tait.-

For jail, - American Co.'s George's Creek coal at \$ 3.40 gross tons.

Court-house,	"	"	"	"	"	3.80	"	"
Truant school	Lehigh Egg					5.25	"	"
"	"	"	Stove			5.50	"	"
"	"	"	Lackawanna Egg			5.10	"	"
"	"	"	Stove			5.25	"	"

George C.Tait awarded contract for furnishing coal for jail, court-house & truant school

Land damages.\$ 1135.00

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of eleven hundred and thirty-five dollars and the same are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

To Martin Quinlivan on petition of H. E. Schmuck et als.	\$ 125.
Timothy Shean	25.
J. J. O'Keefe	50.
G. O. Kingsbury now or formerly	70.
J. Wheeler	15.
John Loughman	175.
Cornelius Sullivan	150.
Est. Julius Day	100.
Edw. Peter & Wm. P. Daly	125.
Mrs. Philip Daly	150.
Lewis Phillips	100.
H. B. Worden	25.
H. B. Worden	25.

H. E. Schmuck et als.
 Petrs. for relocation
 of highway in West
 Springfield.

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Additional land dam-
 ages.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 Hampden, ss. At a regular adjourned meeting of the County Commissioners,
 held at the court-house in Springfield, August 2d, 1899.

Upon a further consideration of the question of damages caused by the location of highway in the town of West Springfield, on the petition of Henry E. Schmuck and others, it is now ordered that an additional sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.) be paid from the county treasury to said H. B. Worden, for damages caused by the location of said highway.

W. H. Brainerd	} County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick	
J. M. Sickman	

Allowance for damages
 done to sheep.

The sum of six hundred and fifty dollars and eighty cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the county treasurer under the provisions of said statutes.

Accounts.\$ 21,309.72

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of twenty-one thousand three hundred and nine dollars and seventy-two cents, are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Hampden, ss. September 6th, 1899. Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris

Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, being the third day of said month, and by adjournment on the fourth, nineteenth and twenty-seventh days of October, and by adjournment on the first, sixth, and sixteenth days of November, and by adjournment on the sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, Esq.	
Joel H. Hendrick, Esq.	

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners in and for the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your petitioners, the Selectmen of the town of East Longmeadow, in said county, that in their opinion it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be made in the crossing and approaches thereto known as the Robson Crossing in said East Longmeadow, where the tracks of the New England Railroad Company crosses the highway leading from Springfield in said county to said East Longmeadow:

Wherefore your petitioners pray that after due notice and a hearing of all parties interested your Honorable Board will determine what alterations, if any, are necessary, prescribe the manner and limits within which it shall be made, and certify your decision as required by law.

Dated at said East Longmeadow, May 17th, A. D. 1899.

William H. Hall	} Selectmen of East Longmeadow, Petitioners.
Ethan Hancock	
John L. Davis	

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. October 19th, 1899.

On the petition of the selectmen of East Longmeadow, representing that in their opinion it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be made in the crossing and approaches thereto known as the Robson Crossing in said East Longmeadow where the tracks of the New England Railroad Company cross the highway

Selectmen of East Longmeadow, Petrs. for alteration of crossing in East Longmeadow.

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(Robson Crossing)

leading from Springfield in said county to said East Longmeadow and praying that after due notice and a hearing of all parties interested said Commissioners would determine what alterations, if any, were necessary, prescribe the manner and limits within which they should be made, and certify their decision as required by law.

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the ninth day of June, A. D. 1899, hear all parties interested. And said petition was continued from meeting to meeting, to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said County Commissioners that said petition be dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

W. H. Brainerd, }
J. H. Hendrick, } County
J. M. Sickman, } Commissioners.

Decision certified to the parties and to the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

John J. Sullivan et
als., Petrs. for the
approval of plan and
specifications of a
Dam, west of Ashley
Pond, in Holyoke.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

To the Honorable County Commissioners, county of Hampden.-

Respectfully represent your petitioners, John J. Sullivan, Charles D. Colson, and Thomas F. Greaney that they are Water Commissioners for the city of Holyoke, and that the Water Commissioners of said Holyoke desire to erect an earthen dam to be constructed as a part of a high service reservoir, said dam to be erected on an elevation directly west of Ashley Pond in said Holyoke, in accordance with plans and specifications herewith filed. And the said Commissioners respectfully pray that your Honorable Board approve the plans and specifications herein alluded to.

John J. Sullivan

Chas. D. Colson

Thomas F. Greaney

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S.

The work to be done is the construction of an earthen embankment or dike as part of the high service reservoir now in course of construction for the city of Holyoke, Mass.

The foundation of this embankment shall be cleaned of all roots, stumps, sods, and any other perishable matters.

The material for the embankment shall be such as will produce a solid watertight bank and will be selected subject to the approval of the engineer. It will be taken as far as practicable from the land inside the reservoir and the better quality of it will be deposited in that half of the embankment towards the reservoir. No stones larger than

two inches (2") in any direction will be allowed in the up stream half of the embankment, and none larger than four inches (4") in any direction in the down stream half. The material shall be deposited in horizontal layers or courses not greater than four inches (4") in thickness, by carts or wagons, each layer commencing at the nearest point to that from which the material is taken, so as to insure its being well travelled over with a view to its proper incorporation and consolidation. After each layer is deposited it will be rolled with a heavy grooved roller not less than one and one-half (1 1/2) tons in weight, then sprinkled with water if necessary after which the layer will be thoroughly rolled again and moistened a second time before the next layer is deposited until the mass is thoroughly wet. In all places that cannot be otherwise reached the bank shall be thoroughly tamped with heavy rammers and no layer shall be commenced until the one previously laid is finished.

Paving or rip rapping will be laid to protect the up stream slope of the embankment. It shall consist of field stone of suitable sizes and dimensions for such work and shall be laid carefully by hand.

The embankment when finished (as plans show) will be twenty feet (20') in width on top with slopes of four to one on either side. Its top will extend five feet (5') above high water mark. The whole surface of the embankment from the top of the paving, which shall be laid three feet (3') above high water mark shall be turfed or seeded down. There will be no gate house built in or pipes put through embankment.

James L. Tighe, Engr.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, when the said petitioners filed their said plans and specifications of their proposed work which were duly approved and the Commissioners having inspected the work during its progress and it appearing that said plans and specifications have been faithfully adhered to, it is ordered that the same be recorded.

Springfield, Mass. October 27th, 1899.

W. H. Brainerd	} County
J. H. Hendrick	
J. M. Sickman	
} Commissioners.	

To the County Commissioners of Hampden county:-

Respectfully represents Crane Brothers, a copartnership doing business in Westfield, in said county of Hampden, and composed of Robert B. Crane and James A. Crane,- That your petitioners desire to make alteration of their mill dam in said Westfield, in Little River, so-called, the said alteration to be made according to certain plans and specifications herewith filed with this petition,-

WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray that your Board will make inspect-

Crane Brothers, Petrs.
for approval of plans
and specifications of
a Dam in Little River,
Westfield.

ion of said plans and specifications and approve of the same.
Westfield, Mass., Sept. 30th, 1899.

Crane Bros.

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S for new D A M,
For CRANE Brothers, at their JAPANESE MILL, Westfield, Mass.
GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The contractor for this work must furnish all stone, cement and sand all labor of whatsoever kind and all apparatus, utensils and tools that may be required to build and complete the dam as shown on plans and described in these specifications. He must do all work and furnish lumber and other materials needful to take care of the water and properly protect his work during course of construction. The said work will be in charge of the engineer who will give lines, levels and other directions in regard to carrying out the same and the work is to be built in such manner and at such points as may best serve to protect the present structure while the new dam is in process of construction.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK.

Plans furnished, shown herewith, give profile of ledge at the foot of the present dam; it is assumed that the said ledge for the most part is firm and proper for footing for the new construction. Any rock not solid and proper for footing for new dam, in the opinion of the engineer, must be removed and made proper to his satisfaction. The plan shows section for concrete and rubble masonry dam, and the location of the same, with reference to the present structure. Bids are invited on both designs, and the privilege of building either, or of rejecting any or all bids is reserved by the company.

The grout work will consist of filling the full area of the present dam with broken stone grouted thoroughly, and made solid as the same is laid, after all spaces have been well cleaned and all loose and decayed timber that can be safely taken out, has been removed. The lower part of present dam is also to be removed and the contractor will make provision to hold crest of dam temporarily until the new dam has been built and coping is prepared and ready to set. The stone dam will be built as shown on section. Dam to be anchored to ledge by dowel bolts let into ledge and built into body of dam, as the section shows.

The contractor to furnish necessary broken stone for the work. The same may be trap, granite, quartz or solid sandstone; all stone to be subject to the inspection and approval of the engineer. The said stone to be crushed or broken so that no piece will fail to pass through a ring 3 inches in diameter and all is to be well screened and free from dust and chips. All grout is to be made in mixing boxes in following proportions, viz:- one part cement, three parts of clean, sharp sand. The cement to be put in box, well mixed with sand in its dry state after which water in proper quantity will be added and the whole thoroughly worked and mixed to make proper grout.

CEMENT AND SAND.

All cement to be used in this work to be American Portland, Atlas

or Alpha Brand, freshly ground and delivered upon the work in the original packages. All cement must be well housed and protected from the weather and all dampness until the same shall be required for use. All sand must be clean, sharp and free from loam or clay, and must be properly screened for the purpose.

MASONRY.

The stone for the erection of the dam must be of hard quality, free from seams, sand holes or other imperfections making it unfit, in the opinion of the engineer for the purpose. All stone must be quarry-faced with level beds and good building faces and must be of such shape and forms that smooth work and true lines can be made.

The said stone is to be laid up in courses not more than 2 feet 6 in. high, with face joints filled with mortar and interior of the dam, laid dry and grouted full on each course. All stone to be laid true to line and batter of faces. Small and broken stone can be used for filling interior of the dam, but all must be well bound and held together by headers in sufficient number running well back and binding across the wall.

MORTAR.

Mortar to be composed of Portland cement, of brand previously mentioned, to be mixed in proportion of one part cement to three parts sand, in measured quantities and the same is to be mixed only in such quantities as may be needed for immediate use. Grout to be made in the same proportions as for mortar, to be made in mixing boxes set on top of the work, and each course to be grouted and filled full before additional work is laid.

COPING AND FACING.

The top of the masonry dam to be finished with two courses of coursed granite ashlar and granite coping as shown. Courses 1'-6" high, cut with smooth, level beds with rock face, pitched off at joints. Coping to be six cut work, dressed to full dimensions with square, closely fitted joints. Coping to be held by anchor bolts of length shown, set in concrete with 3 inch hole drilled through each of the pieces; there will be two wrought iron dogs, let into stones running parallel with dam, to hold pieces together. Pieces will have all joints and bolt-holes grouted full with Portland Cement grout, after all is in place. Such parts of the old dam as may be necessary is to be removed to allow coping to be properly set in place; the balance of the old dam to remain.

ANCHORS.

The owners to furnish wrought iron anchors, dowels and dogs of size and number required to carry out the provisions of the plans and all drilling and setting in place in proper and satisfactory manner to the full approval of the engineer to be done by the contractor. Concrete dam to be anchored to the stone dam and north abutment by dowel bolts in number and sizes as may be directed to make all safe and satisfactory.

Finally the entire work herein described and shown on the plans is

to be done in a thorough and first class manner in all respects and to be the full and true intent and meaning of plans and specifications. The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said county, on the first Tuesday of October, current, when the said petitioners filed their said plans and specifications of their proposed work which were duly approved and the Commissioners having inspected the work during its progress and it appearing that said plans and specifications have been faithfully adhered to, it is ordered that the same be recorded.

Springfield, Mass. Oct. 19th, 1899.

W. H. Brainerd	} County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick	
J. M. Sickman	

Contract awarded H.L. October 4, 1899.

Niles & Co. for furnishing Jail and House of Correction with provisions.

Contract awarded H. L. Niles & Co. for furnishing the Jail and House of Correction with provisions for the year ensuing.

Corned beef, per 100 lbs.	\$ 3.65
Salt pork, " " "	6.50

Mary J. Roper (Petr. for exemption from taxation)
vs.
Town of Holland.
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To the County Commissioners of Hampden county:-

Respectfully represents Mary J. Roper that she is the wife of Charles F. Roper of Holland in said county; that said Charles F. was a soldier in the military service of the United States, in the war of the rebellion and served in said war in Co. A 2d Regt. Mass. Vols. Heavy Artillery and was honorably discharged therefrom and who, as the result of disabilities contracted while in such service and in the line of duty, to wit:- rheumatism, malarial poisoning and resulting heart disease, has become permanently incapacitated for the performance of manual labor to an extent equivalent, to the loss of a hand or foot; that the whole estate real and personal of the soldier and your petitioner does not exceed in value the sum of five thousand dollars.

That your petitioner duly made application to the assessors of said town of Holland for exemption from taxation to the amount of two thousand dollars under the provisions of Chap. 148 of the Acts of 1897 and the Acts in amendment thereof, but the said assessors refused to make such exemption and denied your petitioner's said application and your petitioner being aggrieved by the finding and judgment of said assessors appeals to your honorable board for the relief afforded by the laws in relation to such cases.

Holland, Mass. October 26th, 1899.

Mary J. Roper, Petitioner.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and the Commissioners having appointed a place and time for a hearing, and having directed notice of the same to be given, it is now, by consent, ordered that said petition be dismissed without costs.

To the County Commissioners of Hampden county:-

Respectfully represent F. J. Cloutier and George C. Robert of Holyoke, Mass., that your petitioners desire to build a dam across Willimansett Brook in Chicopee, in said county, the said dam to be built in accordance with the plans and specifications herewith filed with this petition,-

Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Board will make inspection of said plans and specifications and approve the same,
Holyoke, Mass., October 28th, 1899.

Felix J. Cloutier }
George C. Robert } Petitioners.

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

for an earth dam and timber flume for Messrs. Cloutier & Robert, on
Willimansett Brook.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The contractor for this work will furnish all broken stone, cement and brick, all timber, plank and spikes, all apparatus, tools and utensils and all labor and cartage necessary to carry out all provisions of the plans and specifications.

The said dam is to be erected on land of the owners, Messrs. Cloutier and Robert adjoining Willimansett brook, between the villages of Willimansett and Fairfield, in the city of Chicopee, and the same will be built in strict accordance with the plan and provisions of these specifications prepared for the said work by E. A. Ellsworth of Holyoke Mass., and in conformity with lines, levels and instructions of the said Ellsworth as engineer for the work. The same shall be done in a most thorough manner according to the full intent and meaning of the plans and specifications; should any question arise as to the intent of these particulars it shall be referred to the said engineer and his instructions thereon will be final and binding on contractor and owners.

WASTE PIPE..

The waste pipe shown on plans will consist of four wrought iron tubular steam boilers, with heads and tubes removed, which will be furnished the contractors by the owners, and are now on the ground. The said boilers are to be set in position shown on plans by the contractor properly patched where necessary well riveted, (not bolted) together and all unused rivet holes filled by extra rivets. The said waste pipe to be set to grade shown on brick saddles footed on broken stone or clean cobble stone concrete. The sheet piling hereinafter described is to be

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Chicopee.

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driven across line of waste pipe and carefully cut to grade and formed to receive the same before pipe is set.

SHEET PILING.

There is to be a single row and matched 3" spruce piling driven across the full width of the valley in perfect line and firmly matched together and the same is to be carried back into either bank not less than ten feet beyond point where proposed flumeline will meet the original ground. There is to be a second line on pond side of the above, driven to same depth as first line with top not less than four feet above general level of proposed pond bottom. The contractor will first excavate trench four feet deep and of sufficient width to receive both lines of piling as shown on section and the same is then to be driven to depth shown or until a bottom of sufficient firmness, in the opinion of the engineer has been reached. There will be a 6" x 6" spruce timber at top and ground line of each line of piling, to which the same must be spiked with not less than two 40d spikes at each bearing after the said piling has been driven to its proper depth. Piles of extra length are to be driven across the channel of the present brook if said length is required to reach a satisfactory bottom. Piling is to be driven across line of proposed waste pipe to full depth and the said plank are then to be cut out to proper grade and formed to receive pipe; after the pipe has been set, plank are to be fitted around the same to carry the piling in continuous line and full height from bank to bank. Piling to be sharpened and cut to wedging form at lower end so that each plank, as the same is driven, will fit and match perfectly together and all necessary care is to be exercised in driving to keep each plank in its proper place to make a perfect water tight job.

GRAVEL PUDDLING.

The trench which is to be excavated to receive sheet piling and the addition space between first and second rows to height of four feet above level of pond bottom is to be filled with gravel and hardpan well puddled into water. Filling to be dumped at side of trench and thrown into the same shovelful by shovelful in the usual manner for first class work of this kind.

TIMBER FLUME AND OVER-FLOW.

The contractor will build timber flume and over-flow in accordance with the plan furnished herewith. He will first make the necessary excavation to the bottom line shown in fill in the full space to the depth of one foot with broken stone concrete. The said concrete to be made with best fresh Rosendale cement of approved brand in proportion of one part cement, two parts clean, sharp sand and four parts broken stone or clean cobbles not larger than will pass a three inch ring. Same to be made by first mixing cement and sand in dry form in a mixing box, tempering the same with water to proper consistency after which stone is added and all shoveled over until the same is well mixed. Concrete will then be laid in trench in two layers, not less than six inches thick and each tamped solidly together. The sills for flume will then be

laid and the space between filled to level of top of timbers with the same material. Concrete for footings under waste pipe will be mixed and laid in the same manner.

The timber for the flume will be of the various sizes shown, sawn square, true and of full size; the same to be either chestnut or hemlock. Timbers to be framed together with mortise and tenon and pinned with oak pins in usual manner. Caps to be framed and pinned. After timber has been framed and erected the same to be planked outside and inside with planed and matched white pine of sound quality, 2" thick, well spiked to the timbers. Make wheel and waste gates as shown, and place the same in position; gates to be bolted, not spiked to the stems. Lay floor of 2" spruce plank, planed and matched over caps for floor, and set up, enclose and cover house of dimensions shown on top of flume. House to be covered with number two pine boards, planed and matched, and shingled with number one spruce shingles. Furnish door and window frames and set and case the same. Furnish sash of size shown and glaze and put in the same; sash to be 1 3/8" thick. Provide butts 4" x 4" for door with strong latch handle and good mortise bolt. Plank to be held by 40d spikes two to each plank at every timber. Piling is to be set beyond house, flume built, waste pipe put in place and water turned through the same by the contractor before the sheet piling across brook is set.

BRICK WORK.

The contractor will furnish hard burned brick and lay brick saddles under waste pipe in number, form and dimensions to agree with plan; the same to be laid in full Rosendale cement mortar in proportion one part cement to two parts sand. He will also build brick collar around waste pipe 12" x 12" in size, carried entirely around pipe on line shown against outside line of piling. All joints and brick work to be flushed and filled with mortar and joint between pipe and plank to be filled solidly with mortar.

EARTH FILLING.

The contractor will build earth embankment to level and dimensions shown, 30 feet in width at elevation 104.00 with land slope of one and one-half to one and pond slope of two and one-half to one. Embankment to be started at bottom of full width required to agree with the above top width and slopes and all is to be brought up together to the full height. Earth to be dumped and spread in layers over the whole surface to be raised and slopes are to be closely formed as the embankment is built. After the full height has been reached the slopes will be dressed down and finished to the true slope required. Earth is to be packed and rammed well under and around waste pipe as the embankment is brought up over the same. Care is to be taken especially in filling against piling that both sides are kept to the same level that the plank may not be pushed or crowded out of place and line. The earth for the dam will be taken from a knoll in proposed pond for the bottom layers.

and from the top of bank on land of the owners for the balance of the work.

Finally the entire work covered by plan and specifications is to be done in a thorough and workmanlike manner in all branches and to the full satisfaction and approval of the engineer, within and under the conditions herein set forth.

PAINTING.

The contractor will cover the surface of waste pipe both inside and outside with a coat of coal tar paint, evenly spread. He will also paint inside and outside of flume and over-flow with the same paint before the earth is filled against it.

The exterior walls of the building will be painted with two coats of some approved brand of ready mixed paint and color or shade to suit the owners. All nail holes and other imperfections in wood work are to be puttied up after the wood work has been primed, before the last coat has been spread.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said county, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, when the said petitioners filed their said plans and specifications of their proposed work which were duly approved and the Commissioners having inspected the work during its progress and it appearing that said plans and specifications have been faithfully adhered to, it is ordered that the same be recorded.

Springfield, Mass., November 9th, 1899.

W. H. Brainerd	} County
J. H. Hendrick	
J. M. Sickman	

Commissioners.

Allowance for damages
done to sheep.

The sum of six hundred and eighty-two dollars and forty-one cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Accounts.

\$ 20,096.71

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of twenty thousand and ninety-six dollars and seventy-one cents, are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Hampden, ss. December 6th, 1899. Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield within and for said county of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty-sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and by adjournment on the third and eighteenth days of January, and by adjournment on the seventh day of February, and by adjournment on the seventh and twenty-seventh days of March, and by adjournment on the fourth day of April, nineteen hundred.

Present, on said twenty-sixth day of December, 1899,

Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, Esq.	
Joel H. Hendrick, Esq.	

Present on the days of said meeting during the year nineteen hundred,

Joel H. Hendrick, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, Esq.	
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.	

January 3, 1900. William H. Brainerd of Palmer, having been declared by the Board of Examiners, elected County Commissioner, for the term of three years, and having been duly sworn, appears on said third day of January, and the Board, consisting of Joel H. Hendrick, James M. Sickman and William H. Brainerd, Esquires, proceed to the choice of a Chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three, of which Joel H. Hendrick, Esq. has two, and is chosen chairman of the Board for the year ensuing.

Description of, and Specifications for building a Dam across Mill River, Springfield, Mass., for Howard & Bros.

The dam will consist of a weir or rollway 50 feet long, of which a section is shown in the accompanying drawing. The weir is terminated at either end by an abutment, beyond which wing walls extend to the natural rock.

The weir will have a vertical face upstream, will be 4 ft. wide at the level of the top and have a curvilinear face downstream of which the average slope will not exceed 6/10 of the elevation. The wing walls will be 3 feet higher than the weir, 3 feet wide on top and batter 2 inches to the foot on each side.

The abutments will be 3 feet wide on top with a vertical face towards the river, the back having a batter of 2 inches per foot.

There will be a head gate and the necessary water connections, which will be furnished in position and the contractor will be required to build around them in accordance with the engineer's directions.

Specifications for building a dam across Mill river by Howard and brothers.

1.

The whole dam is to be built as far as is possible of the stone which is now used in the canal walls building foundations and in the present dam, without detriment to the owners. If there should not be sufficient material in the designated localities to complete the work, such deficiency will be supplied by the contractor. The coping of the weir, which is to be of granite will be furnished by the contractor.

All loose or shaly rock must be removed from under the dam and the bedrock dressed down to receive the toe of the weir as shown in the accompanying drawing.

The whole work, exclusive of the inner part of the weir, is to be built of the best stone that can be selected from the above named sources. The walls to be thoroughly bonded and laid in full mortar joints. The mortar to be composed of 1 part of best Rosendale cement to 2 parts clean sharp sand; and to be thoroughly worked.

The inner part of the weir or the space between the face walls will be filled with cement concrete composed of 1 part best Rosendale cement, 2 parts of clean sharp sand and 4 parts of stone broken to pass through a 2 inch ring. All the parts of the concrete to be thoroughly mixed together and with as little water as will suffice to make it cohere, before being put into the work. The concrete to be laid in layers not more than 6 inches thick and thoroughly rammed. Large unwrought stones may be covered with cement and laid at intervals in the concrete at the discretion of the engineer.

The granite coping is to be cut to the section shown in the drawing. To be in pieces not less than 3 feet wide and to extend across the weir. The top surface to be cut smooth and the sides to lay close ($1/4^{\circ}$) joints. The under surface to be dressed to make good joints with the underlying walls.

All the work to be done to the satisfaction of the engineer, whose decision in questions which may arise between the contractor and the owners will be final.

The foregoing specifications together with the plans of the work were filed at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and were continued from meeting to meeting, to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said specifications be dismissed.

Plan and Specifications for a dam built by Wm. B. Kimball in Palmer.

2.

Plan and Specifications of a dam now being built for William B. Kimball of Enfield, county of Hampshire and state of Massachusetts.-

Said dam is located partially in Palmer, county of Hampden and partially in Belchertown, county of Hampshire, state of Massachusetts.

The dam is a rectangular timber dam filled with stone and gravel, with stone abutments laid in cement and grouted. The timbers are pin-

ned together with $\frac{3}{4}$ in. iron pins and with straps of iron where needed as shown on accompanying plans.

The toe of the dam is to be securely protected by 3 in. tongued and grooved spruce plank and the whole well covered with gravel.

Springfield Sept. 15, 1881.

A. G. Osgood, C. E.

The foregoing specifications were filed at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and were continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Honorable County Commissioners in and for the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents Eli F. Cady of Westfield in said county that he is the owner of a certain tract of land situated in said Westfield on the northwesterly corner of Orange and Elm streets, containing about one-third of an acre of land with two dwelling-houses thereon; that the selectmen of said town of Westfield altered and relocated said Orange street, and for that purpose took the land of your petitioner on the northerly side of said Orange street and assessed damages to your petitioner in the sum of two hundred dollars, and such alteration and relocation was reported to said town and duly accepted and allowed at a meeting of the inhabitants of said town regularly warned and held on April 29th, 1889, and your petitioner is aggrieved by the assessment of his damages as aforesaid occasioned by said alteration and relocation of said Orange street.

Wherefore he prays that the amount of said damages may be revised and determined by a jury duly summoned to act thereon.

Westfield, Mass., Oct. 2, 1889.

Eli F. Cady, Petitioner.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, when a warrant was ordered to issue, and A. M. Copeland, Esquire was appointed to preside. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Eli F. Cady (Petr. for a jury)

vs.

The Town of Westfield

4.

The Mayor and Aldermen of Holyoke, Petrs. for leave to have highways cross Boston & Maine Railroad at level.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Holyoke, July 21st, 1894.

To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-
Respectfully represents the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Holyoke in said county of Hampden, that, the public convenience and necessity require that a highway be laid out across the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, at the same level therewith at a point in said Holyoke, where the spur track of said Company which runs to the Deane Steam Pump Company of said Holyoke, crosses the extension of Appleton street, easterly towards the Connecticut River, a more particular description of which location is contained in the plan hereto annexed.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board may adjudge, that the public necessity and convenience so require a highway to be laid out as aforesaid, and may authorize said city of Holyoke to lay out said way, in manner aforesaid.

M. H. Whitcomb, Mayor, and

Patrick W. Shea

Fred St. Martin

James A. Allen

Richard F. Burns

Michael Connors

Aldermen, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Decision certified to the parties and to the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

C. A. Corser et als. Petrs. for a new highway from Westfield to West Springfield.

13.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent your petitioners, residents of Westfield, West Springfield, Springfield and other places in said county that a new highway is wanting from said town of Westfield to said town of West Springfield, and that common convenience and necessity require the laying out by your Honorable Board of such an highway beginning at a point on Union street in said Westfield, near the mill of the Springdale Paper Company; thence running easterly across lands owned or occupied by the Springdale Paper Company, Sarah E. Pearsons, George F. Sibley, Michael Healy, William Sibley, Seymour Sibley, John Agyril, Mrs. Jerusha Sackett, Eugene Knapp, William Fowler, Peter Guilshan, Andrew Boleaw, Frank E. Jeannette, Benjamin F. Scovill, L. A. Eaton, John S. Lane & Son J. D. Smith, E. L. Smith, George M. Wilcox, Ethan T. Sikes, Henry A.

Sibley, Arthur A. Sibley and Seth G. Noble, to a point in West Springfield on the present highway between Springfield and Westfield, at Tatham Hill; following the general course and direction of the old "County Road", so-called, passing through "Day District" and thence near the Smith Homestead to Tatham Hill. Your petitioners request your Honorable Board, after due proceedings had, to lay out such highway.

C. A. Corser and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners for the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens of said county that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a highway in said county, starting at a point near the westerly end of the county bridge, so-called, which crosses the Westfield river in the town of Westfield near the house of one Bray, thence running easterly on land of said Bray, one Krtil, thence across said river and land of one Lee, one Van Deusen, one Perkins, thence across said river and striking the old Jug road, so-called, on south side of said river and continuing along said old Jug road through the northwesterly corner of Agawam, again crossing the river and entering the Westfield and Springfield road in West Springfield near the house of one Sibley, said route being substantially and approximately straight between the two termini.

Or, starting near the easterly end of Frog Hole bridge, so-called, in Westfield, at the south side of the highway on said Lee's land, and thence running easterly in the same general direction, upon the same lands, except said Bray's, as above set forth to said easterly terminus above named.

They therefore pray that upon due proceedings had, you will proceed to lay out said highway.

February 5th, 1898.

David B. Furber and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this

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als. Petrs. for a new
highway running
through Westfield,
Agawam and West
Springfield.

meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

T. A. Rogers et als.
Petrs. for a new high-
way between Westfield
and West Springfield.

15.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent your petitioners, residents of West Springfield, Westfield and other towns in said county, that a new highway is necessary between said towns of Westfield and West Springfield, and that common convenience and public necessity require the laying out by your board of such a highway beginning at a point at or near the foot of Tatham Hill in said West Springfield on the present highway, and thence running in a general westerly direction along old road called Sibley Ave, and across lands owned or occupied by Seth G. Noble, Arthur A. Sibley, Henry A. Sibley, Ethan T. Sikes, George M. Wilcox, E. C. Smith, J. D. Smith, J. S. Lane and son, city of Springfield, L. A. Eaton Benjamin F. Scovill, Frank E. Jeannetto, Andrew Behan, Peter Guilshan, William Fowler, Eugene Knapp, Jerusha Sackett, John Agyal, Seymour Sibley, William Sibley, Michael Healy, George F. Sibley, Sarah E. Persons, Gamaliel Lee and the Springdale Paper Company, to a point on Union street in said Westfield near the mill of said Springdale Paper Company; following a course parallel to the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in the town of West Springfield, and thence from the Westfield line, running in a southwesterly direction under the tracks of said railroad company, onto the present highway at a point westerly of the trap rock quarry of J. S. Lane and son, thereby connecting with the present highway, and also running, from near the Westfield town line in a northwesterly direction along the southerly slope of the hills to the north of said railroad company to a point on said Union street near the mill of said Springdale Paper Company.

Your petitioners request that after due proceedings your board lay out said way substantially as above described.

T. A. Rogers and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens and legal voters residing in West Springfield, Agawam and Westfield, in said county, that the public convenience and necessity require that a highway be laid out and built in said county as follows:

Commencing in said West Springfield at a point on the main road leading from West Springfield to Westfield, near the house now or formerly of C. A. Sibley, being about 700 feet westerly from where said road passes over the Boston & Albany railroad, thence westerly crossing the Westfield river into the town of Agawam and in the same general direction to the line of the old road formerly known as the Jug road, thence continuing westerly on line of said last named road to its intersection with the road leading to Westfield by way of Little river, in said Westfield; or diverging southerly in said Agawam so as to connect with the road leading from West Suffield to Westfield, known as North Front street at or near where said street is intersected by the road known as West street as to your board may seem most judicious.

We therefore pray that you will view said premises, lay out said highway and order the construction thereof, and for such other orders as to you may seem meet and proper.

Dated May 24th, 1898.

H. S. Hyde and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

H. S. Hyde et als.,
Petrs. for a new highway in West Springfield, Agawam and Westfield.

16.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent your petitioners, residents of the town of Westfield in said county, that the highway beginning at the junction of Union street in said Westfield with the highway leading from Westfield to Springfield east of the "Frog Hole" bridge, so-called, and thence running westerly on said Union street to a point at or near the watering-trough is dangerous and that common convenience and necessity require the widening, altering and laying out anew of the same.

Your petitioners request your Honorable Board after due proceedings had to lay out such highway.

Westfield Mass. March 18, 1899.

Seymour Sibley and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

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Petrs. for widening of highway in Westfield.

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ninety-eight, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Maurice Daigneault,
Petr. for approval
of plan and specification
for dam across
Willimansett Brook
in Chicopee.

21.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents Maurice Daignault of Holyoke, in said county that he proposes to erect a dam across Willimansett brook, in the city of Chicopee, upon land belonging to himself, for the purpose of flowing land which has been conveyed to him for that object by Helen L. Stratton Helen D. Pendleton, Quartus J. Smith and Clovis Robert; that a plan of said dam is herewith filed and that said dam is to be built according to the following specifications, namely: The dam is to be about one hundred and forty (140) feet long, twelve (12) feet high, sixty (60) feet wide at base and thirty (30) feet wide at top; it is to be built of earth, well puddled, and to have along its center line, lengthwise, a row of two (2) inch hemlock planks set close, edgewise, thirteen (13) feet long and driven five (5) feet into the ground or to hard pan; the top of said dam is intended to be hardened and used for all the purposes of a highway; near the southerly end of the dam, in the present bed of the brook, is to be an upright flume, eight (8) feet high, built with posts six by six (6 x 6) inches in size and covered with two (2) inch chestnut plank; at the bottom of the flume is to be a pen stock, of Akron pipe or boiler iron, at least two feet and a half in diameter, which will be laid under the dam, at its base, in such a manner as to discharge the waste water away from the lower slope of the dam and, if Akron pipe is used, it is to be laid on two (2) inch chestnut plank, laid crosswise, and cemented at the joints.

Wherefore he asks your Honorable Body to approve said plan and specifications.

Maurice Daigneault, Petitioner.

The foregoing specifications together with the plans of the work were entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-
Respectfully represents John C. Maguire, Mark Noble, John J. Lynch Jr., citizens of the town of Monson in said county,-

That there are no bounds on the following sections or pieces of highway in said Monson, namely:-

Beginning at the north end of High street at a point in line with the north line of said Mark Noble's house, thence running northerly by the premises of Edward Dalton and the entrance of "Flynt Park" (so-called) to the road leading to said Noble's farm directly in line with the west line of Lyman Miller's house.

Also, Beginning at the junction of High and Mechanic streets thence running northerly through Mechanic street to Thompson street, thence westerly on Thompson street to Granite street or the Quarry Road, thence northwesterly on said Granite street or the Quarry Road by the house of Wilson Tucker and Flynt Quarry to the corner at the Charles P. Fay place.

That by reason of the absence of bounds as aforesaid no walks can be laid upon any of the sections or pieces of said road, and no improvements can be made upon said sections or pieces of highway by the said town of Monson and no improvements can be made upon the premises bounding said highway by the owners thereof.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board relay widen and harden said sections or pieces of highway and proper bounds be set thereon.

Mark Noble and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, January 18th, A.D. 1900

On the petition of Mark Noble and others, praying for certain highways to be relocated in town of Monson,-

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the twenty-first day of June A. D. 1899, view said highways, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highways should be relocated and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the twenty-fourth day of August 1899, as the time when they would proceed to relocate said highways, and gave due notice as the law directs.

And now said Commissioners relocate said highways in the manner following:-

Relocation of HIGH STREET, Monson, Mass.

Beginning at a stone bound nearly opposite the northerly line of the dwelling-house of Mark Noble thence running north 43° west seven

Mark Noble et als.,
Petra. for relaying &
widening highway in
Monson.

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Book of Plans II,
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For Amendment see
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hundred and forty-nine and seventy-five hundredths (749.75) feet to a stone bound; thence north $46^{\circ} 29'$ west five hundred and twenty-six and fifty-five hundredths (526.55) feet to a stone bound opposite the house of Dennis Purcell; thence running north $49^{\circ} 28'$ west two hundred and ninety-nine and forty hundredths (299.40) feet to a stone bound; thence north $35^{\circ} 02'$ west three hundred and seventy-five and nineteen hundredths (375.19) feet to a stone bound; thence by a curve to the left with a radius of four hundred and fifty-five and seventy-four hundredths (455.74) feet, four hundred and sixty-eight and seventy-six hundredths (468.76) feet measured on the arc to a stone bound; thence south $86^{\circ} 02'$ west eight hundred and thirteen and ninety-nine hundredths feet (813.99) feet to a stone bound in the easterly line of the road at Lyman Miller's. The above is a description of the northerly side of High street as re-located and the southerly side is parallel to and fifty (50.0) feet distant therefrom.

Relocation of MECHANIC STREET and portion of THOMPSON and GRANITE STREETS, Monson, Mass.

Beginning at a stone bound in the easterly line of Mechanic street at its intersection with the northerly line of High street near the dwelling-house of John Dower and runs thence on the easterly side of Mechanic street north $9^{\circ} 08'$ east five hundred and eighteen and twenty-five hundredths (518.25) feet to a stone bound; thence north $2^{\circ} 44'$ west two hundred and thirty-three and thirty-two hundredths (233.32) feet to a stone bound, to this point the street is (45) forty-five feet wide; thence continuing on the same course forty-six and seventy-two hundredths (46.72) feet to a stone bound. At this point the street is fifty (50) feet wide the street widening from forty-five (45) to fifty (50) feet between the last mentioned bounds; thence north $9^{\circ} 14'$ west five hundred and fifty-five and forty-three hundredths (555.43) feet to a stone bound near the house of John McGuire and in the northerly side of Thompson street; thence north $78^{\circ} 16'$ west on the northerly side of Thompson street three hundred and fifty and sixty hundredths (350.60) feet to a stone bound in the easterly line of Granite street; thence north $17^{\circ} 09'$ west one thousand one hundred and fifty-four and forty-nine hundredths (1154.49) feet to a stone bound; thence north $21^{\circ} 01'$ west eight hundred and sixty-seven and twenty-three hundredths (867.23) feet to a stone bound nearly opposite the residence of Owen Duffy; thence north $32^{\circ} 56'$ west five hundred and thirty-four and ninety-six hundredths (534.96) feet to a stone bound; thence north $24^{\circ} 39'$ west four hundred and twenty-five and thirty-five hundredths (425.35) feet to a stone bound; thence by a curve to the right with a radius of one thousand two hundred and forty-eight and fifty-seven hundredths (1248.57) feet eight hundred and thirty-one and seventy-one hundredths (831.71) feet to a stone bound; thence north $13^{\circ} 31'$ east three hundred and twenty-eight and forty hundredths (328.40) feet to a stone bound.

The above is a description of the easterly side of Mechanic and

Granite streets and the northerly side of Thompson street as relocated and the streets are laid out fifty (50) feet wide excepting the first part of Mechanic street as mentioned above which is forty-five (45) feet wide.

For a clearer understanding of the above description see plan of relocation of High, Mechanic, Thompson and Granite streets on file in the office of the Clerk of Courts.

And the owners of the land, over which said highways are thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of May next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highways, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To Edward Dalton,	\$ 150.	
John C. McGuire,	25.	
Eli Anderson,	60.	
Patrick Carroll,	25.	
J. H. Martin,	50.	
Heirs of Geo. Burdick,	20.	
Mrs. Kate Mahoney,	50.	\$ 380.00

To be paid to them by the town of Monson, when the land over which the highways are located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highways:-

To Samuel Closson,	\$ 150.	
Owen Duffy,	20.	
Wilson Tucker,	375.	\$ 545.00

To be paid to them out of the county treasury, when the land over which the highways are located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highways.

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, January 18th, A.D. 1900

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said roads may be known as public highways forever.

Attest:- Christine Law, Assistant Clerk.

Alfred D. Fuller,
(Petr. for assessment
of damages)

vs.

The Huntington Fire
District.

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To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your petitioner Alfred D. Fuller of Huntington county of Hampshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts that he is the owner of certain real estate situate in Blandford in said county of Hampden and bounded and described as follows, viz:-

Beginning at a hemlock tree standing in line between land of said Fuller and land of F. P. Stanton; the same being the most westerly corner of the land hereby described thence N. 32° 40' E. two hundred and ninety and five tenths (290.5) feet on land of the said Fuller to a marked chestnut tree, thence S. 31° 25' E. one hundred and ninety-five (195) feet on land of the said Fuller to a marked black birch tree, thence S. 29° 25' W. one hundred and seventy-five and eight tenths (175.8) feet on land of the said Fuller to a marked hemlock tree standing in the line between land of the said Fuller & land of the said Stanton, thence N. 66° W. on land of the said Stanton to the place of beginning one hundred and eighty-eight (188) feet and containing ninety-six hundredths (0.96) of an acre; the above described premises being a part of a wood and timber lot owned by said Fuller, that a stream of water known as "Cold Brook" runs through the aforesaid premises, and that your petitioner owns certain valuable rights in said brook & in the waters thereof.

That on, or about, the first day of September A. D. 1898 the Huntington Fire District under authority given by chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1898 took possession of the above described premises and also of a right of way over land of your petitioner and has ever since retained possession of said premises, water rights, & rights of way and has cut and destroyed the wood & timber thereon, excavated and removed the soil therefrom, constructed a dam and reservoir thereon and laid water pipes therein and diverted the water of said brook from its channel and conveyed the same to the inhabitants of said Fire District.

That on the 3rd day of September A. D. 1898 the Board of Water Commissioners of said Fire District caused to be filed in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds a description of the premises and right of way taken as aforesaid, such description is recorded in Book 583 Page 474 to which reference may be had.

And your petitioner avers that by the taking of his land, right of way and water rights and property as aforesaid he has been greatly damaged and put to great loss and inconvenience.

Your petitioner further represents that he is unable to agree with said Fire District, or with its said Board of Water Commissioners upon the amount of damage and therefore he **prays** that the same may be assessed and determined by your Honorable Board and for such other orders and decrees as law and justice may require.

Huntington Mass. Oct. 7th, 1899.

Alfred D. Fuller.

The foregoing petition was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Commissioners for said county of Hampden, on the sixteenth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and due notice having been

given to the said Huntington Fire District, the said County Commissioners viewed the said premises, and heard all parties interested, and now on this third day of January, in the year nineteen hundred, do assess the damages as follows:-

It is ordered that there be paid to the said petitioner the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.) the same to be paid by the said Huntington Fire District.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners of Hampden county.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

April 24, 1900. Decree complied with.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Dec. 26th, 1899.

To M. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of Hampden county:-

You are hereby authorized to transfer from the funds in your hands as Treasurer, appropriated for the reduction of the county debt, to your account as treasurer of the Sinking Fund of said county, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, (\$ 15,000.) and to hold the same subject to order from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said county.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners of Hampden county.
J. M. Sickman		

Order for Transfer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. Springfield, Dec. 26th, 1899.

Whereas, in the judgment of the County Commissioners the interests of the county of Hampden demand an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by law for travel of County Commissioners in said county, said County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to transfer from money appropriated for repairs of county buildings the sum of fifty-nine dollars and forty-six cents (\$ 59.46) in addition to the amount authorized by law for the purpose aforesaid.

The reasons for such transfer are that the appropriation authorized for the purpose aforesaid is exhausted.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		

Order for Transfer.

County Estimate.

Estimate by the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden of the receipts and expenditures of said county for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900. Also, statement showing the unappropriated balance in the county treasury at the closing of the treasurer's books for the year 1899.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

1. Interest,	2,500.00
2. Clerk of courts and registers of deeds,	11,000.00
4. Jails and houses of correction,	8,000.00
5. Fines, costs and fees,	4,500.00
7. Truant schools,	2,000.00
8. Miscellaneous,	500.00
	<u>28,500.00</u>

Statement showing estimated total amount available.

Balance in treasury at the closing of the treasurer's books for the year, 1899,	\$ 42,742.98
(a) Less special appropriation,	
(b) Less money held for dog account,	\$ 10,323.89
	<u>10,323.89</u>
Deduct total amounts (a) and (b),	
Net balance in treasury, unappropriated,	32,419.09
Total estimated receipts as shown above,	<u>28,500.00</u>
Estimated total amount available for the year,	\$ 60,919.09

ITEMS.

Estimated expenditures for 1900.

1. Interest on county debt,	12,000.
2. Reduction of county debt,	35,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law,	13,500.
4. Clerical assistance in county offices,	15,000.
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts,	23,000.
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assistants and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction,	26,000.
7. Criminal costs in superior court,	5,000.
8. Civil expenses in supreme and superior courts,	20,000.
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners,	300.
11. Medical examiners, inquests and care of the insane,	5,000.
12. Auditors, masters and referees,	1,500.
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings,	15,000.
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction,	9,500.
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	12,000.
17. Law libraries,	2,500.
18. Truant schools,	6,200.
19. Miscellaneous, and contingent expenses,	<u>4,000.</u>
Total,	205,500.

I T E M S.	Appropriation for 1899	Expenditures in 1899
1. Interest on county debt,	12,000.	11,331.53
2. Reduction of county debt,	25,000.	25,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants fixed by law,	13,500.	13,490.60
4. Clerical assistance in county offices,	15,000.	12,432.78
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts,	23,000.	20,303.73
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assistants and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction,	26,000.	21,326.18
7. Criminal costs in superior court,	5,000.	3,676.12
8. Civil expenses in supreme and superior courts,	22,000.	17,398.71
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners,	200.	259.46
11. Medical examiners, inquests and care of the insane,	5,000.	4,080.59
12. Auditors, masters and referees,	1,500.	1,407.98
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings,	20,000.	15,633.34
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings other than jails and houses of correction,	9,000.	8,602.12
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	15,000.	13,477.10
17. Law libraries,	2,000.	2,000.
18. Truant schools,	6,000.	5,051.72
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses,	4,000.	3,306.16
Total,	204,200.	178,778.12

I T E M S.	Due and unpaid in 1899.
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	168.66
Total,	168.66
J. H. HENDRICK, Chairman.	
A true copy. Attest:-	ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk.

R E P O R T for 1899.

The County Commissioners make this their third annual report upon the affairs of the county. For specific details referring the tax payers to the County Treasurer's report. We have received nine petitions during the year in highway matters, namely--

On the petition of the Selectmen of Agawam for relocation of highway leading from Southwick to Agawam bridge, the premises have been viewed and parties heard, but we have not yet filed our report.

On the petition of H. E. W. Clark and others, Commercial street and a part of High street in Thorndike Village, Palmer, have been located anew. The work was ordered to be completed by the first of July, 1900. Land damages were awarded M. Lawlor, in the sum of \$50. to A. M. Bond

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\$50., to Edward Hallez, \$400. to St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society, \$20., and Thorndike Manufacturing Company \$100., and the same was ordered to be paid by the town of Palmer.

On the petition of C. W. Bates and others a highway was located in Blandford beginning on the northerly side of the Granville road and running north to the southerly side of the Beach Hill road. The location was ordered to be made by the first day of November, 1899. The highway extending from a stone monument just westerly of the dwelling-house known as the "Curtis Hall Place" to Granville road, in said Blandford was discontinued. Land damages were awarded to C. Dugdale in the sum of \$25., to J. H. Moore \$125. and to David Smith estate \$10. and the same was ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Blandford and others, a highway in Blandford was discontinued, and same beginning near the house of Wiley Stewart thence running southwesterly to a stone monument south of the brook near the corner of land owned by David F. Hamilton. No damages were awarded.

On the petition of Mark Noble and others for relocation of High, Mechanic, Thompson and Granite Sts. in Monson. View of premises was taken and parties heard but no report has been filed.

On the petition of Arthur B. Brown and others a new highway was located in Brimfield beginning near the barn of D. W. Fosket on the Palmer and Brimfield road thence southeasterly and easterly of said Fosket's land, land of E. I. Bradway, C. R. Strong and W. G. Parker to a point in the highway leading from Brimfield to Monson near dwelling-house of W. G. Parker. Land damages were awarded to D. W. Fosket in the sum of \$750., E. I. Bradway \$175., and C. R. Strong \$75., the same to be paid by the town. Said petitioners also asked for the discontinuance of a highway in said Brimfield, and that part of the Palmer and Brimfield road extending westerly from a stone monument west of the house of George Holdridge to a stone monument east of the house of E. I. Bradway was discontinued. Land damages on account of said discontinuance were awarded George Holdridge in the sum of \$50.

The Inhabitants of Ludlow petitioned for the location anew of a highway in Ludlow beginning near the corner of Howard and North streets near the house of Mrs. F. A. Towne to the Chicopee line. The premises have been viewed and the parties heard but we have not yet made a report.

On the petition of John O. Roberts and others for alteration of highways in Westfield and Southwick the premises have been viewed and parties heard.

On a petition of Nathan H. Powers and others for discontinuance of portions of highways in Brimfield, we have discontinued one of said highways the same beginning at a point where the southerly line of the road leading from West Brimfield to Palmer Center intersects with the westerly line of the old county road leading past the Boston and Albany Railroad station in said West Brimfield; thence extending south along said railroad to the point where said county road formerly crossed said

railroad.

On the petition of H. E. Schmuck and others Sand Hill road, River and Baldwin streets in West Springfield were relocated.

Land damages were awarded to various persons in the sum of \$1110. to be paid by the county.

In all cases where highways were located the expenses of construction were ordered to be paid by the town in which they were located, except on the petition of Arthur B. Brown upon which a state highway was located.

No other land damages have been awarded, and no suits have been commenced against the county. The petition of Adolph Weber for damage to his land on the Westfield road, in West Springfield, which was pending in the Superior Court at the time of our Last report, has been dismissed.

No highways or parts of highways have been laid out by the Commissioners under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments and no sums have been reimbursed to the county as betterments nor have we taken any action relative to town or private ways. No applications have been made to the Massachusetts Highway Commission. For the cost and construction of state highways in this county reference may be had to the following table:-

Amount expended for Repair and Maintenance of State Highways. Hampden county, Dec. 31, 1899.

Town, - City.	Expended 1896-1898.	Expended 1899.	Total.
Brimfield,	7.33	25.63	32.96
Chicopee,		204.45	204.45
Monson,	347.22	159.76	506.98
Russell,	1,393.23	371.65	1,764.88
Westfield,	1,046.83	336.09	1,382.92
West Springfield,	370.50	95.01	465.51
Wilbraham,	559.28	113.22	672.50
Total,	3,724.39	1,305.81	5,030.20

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Showing lengths laid out, lengths constructed and amounts expended, to Jan. 1, 1900.

Town or City.	Lengths laid out in feet.				Lengths constructed in feet.		
	1894-1898.	1899.	Total.		1894-1898.	1899.	Total.
Brimfield,	6160	6185	12345	:	6160	6185	12345
Chester,		1775	1775	:		1775	1775
Chicopee,	4552	265	4817	:	3042	1775	4817
Monson,	4933		4933	:	4933		4933
Palmer,		3600	3600	:		3900	3900
Russell,	27875	7314	35189	:	24910	10279	35189
Westfield,	12425	5918	18343	:	12791	5552	18343
West Springfield,	8054		8054	:	8054		8054
Wilbraham,	10138		10138	:	10138		10138
Total (feet),	74137	25057	99194	:	70028	29466	99494
Total (miles),	14.04	4.75	18.79	:	13.26	5.58	18.84

Town or City.	*E x p e n d e d.		
	1894 - 1898.	1899.	Total.
Brimfield,	5782.45	9108.16	14890.61
Chester,		3718.87	3718.87
Chicopee,	11833.08	4643.72	16476.80
Monson,	7617.31		7617.31
Palmer,		5944.81	5944.81
Russell,	73050.95	9776.09	82827.04
Westfield,	20365.53	7229.18	27594.71
West Springfield,	11323.70		11323.70
Wilbraham,	18308.78		18308.78
Total (feet),	148281.80	40420.83	188702.63

*Exclusive of repairs and maintenance.

During the year 1899, the county repaid the Commonwealth on account of the construction of state highways, the sum of \$ 10,855.32 making in all that has been so expended the sum of \$ 22,815.43 and the sum of \$ 7,726.19 is due the Commonwealth from the county. The amount of expenditure upon the several county buildings for repairs during the year of 1899 amounted to \$ 15,633.34, of this, \$ 5,062. was done by contract and the balance by day work. The greater part of these sums so expended was for the enlarging of the office of the Registry of Deeds which became necessary by the reason of the increase of business in that department.

The appropriation of \$ 200. for traveling expenses of the Commissioners was not sufficient to meet the expenditure required and \$ 59.46 was transferred from the unexpended balance in the treasury. All other appropriations were sufficient to meet the expenditure.

The following are the salaries of county officials prescribed by law

Sheriff,	\$1,500.	County Treasurer,	\$1,800.
Clerk of Courts,	3,500.	Register of Deeds,	2,800.
Assistant Clerk,	1,300.	County Commissioners,	2,500.

The following are the salaries of county officials not prescribed by law:-

At the Court-house,-

Messenger,	\$ 1,000.	Engineer,	\$ 1,000.
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At the Jail,-

Jailer,	\$ 1,000.	Shop Foreman,	\$ 840.
Turnkey,	960.	Shop Officer,	720.
Assistant Turnkey,	780.	Matron,	240.
First Keeper,	780.	Physician,	300.
Second Keeper,	780.	Chaplains,	300.
Third Keeper,	540.	Instructor,	1,296.
Engineer,	1,020.		

At the Truant School,-

Superintendent,	\$ 1,000.	Teacher,	\$ 480.
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The following is a list of the assets of the county of Hampden, December 31, 1898:-

Court-house building,	\$ 200,000.00
Court-house lot,	66,000.00
Law library,	21,000.00
Furniture and other property, Court-house,	20,000.00
Jail and House of Correction buildings,	255,000.00
Jail and House of Correction lot,	25,000.00
Furniture and other property, Jail and House of Correction,	10,000.00

Truant school buildings,	\$ 13,000.00
Truant school lot,	7,000.00
Furniture and other property, Truant school,	3,000.00
Sinking Fund, Hampden county,	30,308.90

The following is a statement of the funded debt of the county:-

Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1901,	\$ 10,000.00
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1902,	10,000.00
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January 1, 1903,	10,000.00
Bonds payable to bearer, due August 1, 1905,	200,000.00

Of the money received on the above notes

\$ 30,000. was used for construction of Court-house, and

\$200,000. was used for construction of Jail and House of Correction.

W. H. Brainerd	} County Commissioners.
J. H. Hendrick	
J. M. Sickman	

The County Commissioners having apportioned the moneys received under the provision of the Statutes relative to dogs, not otherwise expended order that the same amounting to the sum of ten thousand, three hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty-nine cents, be paid to the Treasurers of the several cities and towns of the county, in the proportions following, viz:-

To the Treasurer of Agawam,	\$ 283.69
To the Treasurer of Blandford,	132.25
To the Treasurer of Brimfield,	203.71
To the Treasurer of Chester,	124.78
To the Treasurer of Chicopee,	925.74
To the Treasurer of East Longmeadow,	100.79
To the Treasurer of Granville,	150.38
To the Treasurer of Hampden,	122.12
To the Treasurer of Holland,	26.66
To the Treasurer of Holyoke,	1,522.99
To the Treasurer of Longmeadow,	89.59
To the Treasurer of Ludlow,	217.57
To the Treasurer of Monson,	412.21
To the Treasurer of Montgomery,	45.33
To the Treasurer of Palmer,	535.39
To the Treasurer of Russell,	100.79
To the Treasurer of Southwick,	167.44
To the Treasurer of Springfield,	3,445.56
To the Treasurer of Tolland,	77.32
To the Treasurer of Wales,	69.86
To the Treasurer of Westfield,	813.56
To the Treasurer of West Springfield,	588.72
To the Treasurer of Wilbraham,	167.44
	<u>\$ 10,323.89</u>

Apportionment of dog
tax.

January, 1900. All votes and decisions of the County Commissioners during the calendar year 1899 were unanimous.

Votes and Decisions
unanimous.

County Treasurer
authorized to borrow
in anticipation of
County Tax.

Hampden, ss.
Voted,

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County Commissioners' Meeting, January 29th, 1900.

That M. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the county, and in anticipation of the county tax, a sum of money not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) and to make, execute and deliver a note or notes to that amount, payable November 5th, 1900, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual, as he, the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum.

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

Directors of the
Boston & Albany Rail-
road Co. Petrs. to
discontinue grade
crossings, Coburn's
& Morse's Crossings
in Westfield.

Decision of Commis-
sion and Decree of
Court.

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COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS.

Hampden, ss.

Superior Court.

No. 1359, Equity.

The Directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, Petitioners for the Alteration of Coburn's and Morse's Crossings in the town of Westfield

D E C I S I O N of the C O M M I S S I O N.

WHEREAS, we, Charles M. Ludden, William Sullivan and Richard W. Irwin, were duly appointed a commission in the above entitled case, under chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890 and the Acts in amendment thereof, and whereas due notice of a public hearing upon the petition of said petitioners was given as will more fully appear reference being had to our order of notice and the return of service thereon filed in Court in this case, and said hearing was held in said town of Westfield on Saturday, the twentieth day of January, 1900, when and where all parties appearing were fully heard, and a view of the crossings affected by said petition was taken, and it appeared that said crossings were established prior to June 21, 1890.

Now, having fully considered all the evidence and arguments submitted to us in this matter, we decide that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that the two crossings at grade of the public way known as the Pochassic Road and the Boston and Albany Railroad in said town of Westfield, known as Coburn's Crossing and Morse's Crossing, respectively, shall be discontinued, and that a new way shall be built in substitution therefor, as hereinafter set forth.

Beginning at a point in said Pochassic Road near the house of J. Eldon Perry, distant two hundred and eight and seventy-two one-hundredths (208 72/100) feet north 0° 16' west from station 557+67.60 on the base line of the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad, the base line of said way shall run north 80° 47' 45" west five hundred and eight and seventy one-hundredths (508 70/100) feet; thence north 75° 07' 15"

west one thousand four hundred and sixty-nine and eighty-seven one-hundredths ($1469 \frac{87}{100}$) feet; thence north $54^{\circ} 39' 10''$ west five hundred and eighty-six (586) feet; thence north $65^{\circ} 51' 30''$ west eight hundred and nineteen and eight one-hundredths ($819 \frac{8}{100}$) feet to a point in said Pochassic Road distant sixty-six and twenty-five one-hundredths ($66 \frac{25}{100}$) feet northeasterly from station 592+64.47 on the base line of the said location of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Said new way is hereby laid out and located fifty (50) feet wide, the side lines being twenty-five (25) feet upon either side of the base line above described.

Stone bounds shall be placed at each angle in the side lines of said new way.

The grade of said new way shall be as follows:- Beginning at the easterly end of the said new way, the grade shall rise westerly at the rate of one and two tenths ($1 \frac{2}{10}$) feet in one hundred feet, for a distance of three hundred and thirty-five (335) feet; thence at the rate of four and two tenths ($4 \frac{2}{10}$) feet in one hundred feet, for a distance of three hundred (300) feet; thence at the rate of one and three tenths ($1 \frac{3}{10}$) feet in one hundred feet, for a distance of eight hundred (800) feet; thence at the rate of four tenths of a foot in one hundred feet, for a distance of four hundred (400) feet; thence the grade shall descend westerly at the rate of five tenths of a foot in one hundred feet, for a distance of five hundred (500) feet; thence at the rate of four and three tenths ($4 \frac{3}{10}$) feet in one hundred feet, for a distance of three hundred (300) feet; thence at the rate of one foot in one hundred feet, for a distance of four hundred (400) feet; thence the grade shall rise westerly at the rate of twenty-nine one-hundredths of a foot in one hundred feet, for a distance of three hundred and forty-eight and sixty-five one-hundredths ($348 \frac{65}{100}$) feet to the present grade of said Pochassic Road at the westerly end of said new way.

Said new way shall be graded to a width of twenty (20) feet, and the surface is to be of good gravel ten (10) inches in depth with the proper crowning in the middle.

Three (3) culverts of Akron pipe shall be provided under said new way as follows:- One at or near station 4 + 87 feet to have a diameter of sixteen (16) inches; one at or near station 10 + 55 feet to have a diameter of thirty (30) inches; and one at or near station 28 + 90 feet to have a diameter of twenty-four (24) inches.

Substantial fences or railings shall be built upon each side of the roadway of said new way wherever the grade of the roadway is two (2) feet or more above the adjacent land.

We specify the land or other property included in the location of said new way as the land or other property we deem necessary to be taken.

We decide and specify that so much of said Pochassic Road as lies south of the southerly side line of the new way above described shall be discontinued, such discontinuance to take effect upon the completion of

OLD TRAILING TO
DISCONTINUANCE

the work herein ordered to be done within the limits of said new way.

We determine that the Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall do all the work herein ordered to be done. We decide and determine that the Commonwealth shall pay twenty-five per cent. (25%) of the total actual cost of the said alterations including the cost of the hearing and the compensation of the commissioners and auditors for their services and expenses, and all damages including those mentioned in Section 5 of said chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890, as amended, and that the town of Westfield shall pay ten per cent. (10%) thereof, and that the Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall pay sixty-five per cent. (65%) thereof.

We file herewith as a part of our decision showing the alterations herein ordered, a plan entitled "Abolition of Grade Crossings at Coburn's and Morse's Crossings, Westfield", dated December, 1899, and signed by us.

The charges of the commissioners for services and expenses are as follows:-

Charles M. Ludden, services \$50. expenses \$7. total	\$ 57.
William Sullivan, services \$50. expenses \$6. "	56.
Richard W. Irwin, services \$50. expenses \$3. "	53.

Dated this twentieth day of January, 1900.

Charles M. Ludden	} Commissioners.
William Sullivan	
Richard W. Irwin	

Filed January 23rd, 1900.

D E C R E E of the C O U R T.

In this case the decision of Charles M. Ludden, William Sullivan and Richard W. Irwin, having been duly returned and filed in this Court, and the same having been considered and a certificate of the Board of Railroad Commissioners having been filed in this case, certifying that in their judgment the expenditure on the part of the Commonwealth for the current year under said certificate and previous certificates issued under Section 11 of chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890, will not exceed the amount provided for in said Act as amended, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said decision be and the same hereby is confirmed and the findings thereof adopted.

Jan. 30, 1900.

By the Court sitting in Boston,

Henry E. Bellaw, Asst. Clerk.

Indorsements on the decree:-

"We consent to the within decree.

The Boston & Albany R.R.Co., by
Sam'l. Hoar.

The town of Westfield, by Arthur S. Kneil,
its atty.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by
Fredk. E. Hurd, Asst. Atty-Gen.

Filed Jan. 31, 1900.

True copies. Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a regular adjourned meeting of the County Commissioners held at the court-house in Springfield, February 7, 1900.

Upon a further consideration of the question of damages caused by the relaying and widening of certain highways in the town of Monson on the petition of Mark Noble and others, it is now ordered that the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) be paid to Dennis Purcell and the sum of thirty dollars (\$30) be paid to Patrick Purcell by the town of Monson, when the land over which the highways are relocated shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highways.

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

Mark Noble et als.,
Petr. for relaying &
widening highway in
Monson.

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ages.

Second Amendment see
page 131.

Hampden, ss.

Mrs. Orlinda M. Cadwell vs. Town of Blandford.- Petition for Abatement of Taxes.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the county of Hampden.

1. Respectfully represents Orlinda M. Cadwell of Blandford in said county that she is the wife of George Cadwell of said Blandford; that the combined whole estate, real and personal belonging to her and her said husband does not exceed in value the sum of two thousand dollars; and that her said husband served as a soldier in the military service of the United States in the war of the Rebellion and was honorably discharged therefrom.

2. Your petitioner further says that upon the property of which she is possessed the Assessors of the town of Blandford aforesaid have assessed in the year 1899 a tax amounting to about \$ 11.18; that within six months from the date of her tax bill she made application to said assessors to abate said tax, and said Board of Assessors having appointed a day for a hearing on said petition for abatement said hearing was had and evidence was presented why said petition should be granted but said Board of Assessors refused to abate any part of said tax and your petitioner received notice of such refusal on January 4th, 1900 by due course of mail. And your petitioner being aggrieved thereby, appeals to this Honorable Board and asks that her grievance may be heard within a month from such refusal.

3. Your petitioner further says that as a result of disabilities contracted while in the military service aforesaid, and in the line of duty, her said husband has become permanently incapacitated for labor to an extent equivalent in the judgment of the assessors to the loss of a hand or foot; that her said husband has a certificate of the granting of a pension to him by the United States for the injury or incapacity as afore-

Orlinda M. Cadwell,
(Petr. for abatement
of taxes.)

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The Town of Blandford

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said, and that such pension still continues; and that she had filed the list of her property and estate duly sworn to according to law.

6. Your petitioner alleges for special cause and reason for this appeal that said refusal was in contravention of chapter 148 of the Acts of 1897 as amended by chapter 370 of the Acts of 1898.

7. Your petitioner asks this Honorable Board to hear this appeal; to abate any tax assessed upon said petitioner for the year 1899; and that such other orders and decrees may be made in the premises as justice and equity may require.

Orlinda M. Cadwell, by her Atty.

Henry H. Bosworth.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and the Commissioners having appointed a place and time for a hearing, and having directed notice of the same to be given, it is now ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Selectmen of the
Town of Chester et al.
Petrs. to abolish
grade crossing on
Huntington Road in
Chester.

COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS.

Superior Court.

No. 7, Eq.

Joint Petition of the Selectmen of Chester and the Directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for the Alteration of Huntington Road Crossing in the Town of Chester.

DECISION of the COMMISSION.

Decision of the Com-
mission, and Decree
of the Court.

Book of Plans II,
Page 76.

WHEREAS, we, Charles E. Hibbard, William Sullivan and William P. Martin, were duly appointed a commission in the above entitled case under chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890 and Acts in amendment thereof and whereas due notice of a public hearing upon the petition of said petitioners was given, as will more fully appear reference being had to our order of notice and the return of service thereon filed in Court in this case, and said hearing was held in said Chester on Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of January, 1900, when and where all parties appearing were fully heard and a view of said crossing was taken, and it appeared that said crossing was established prior to June 21, 1890:

Now, having fully considered all the evidence and arguments submitted to us in the matter, we decide that alterations in the crossing at grade of the public way between Chester and Huntington known as the Huntington Road, and the railroad of said Company, situated about one hundred and seventy-seven (177) feet northwesterly from the one hundred and twenty-third mile stone on the location of said railroad, in the approaches to said crossing, and in the location and grades of said Huntington Road, are necessary for the security and convenience of the public so as to avoid a crossing at grade, and we prescribe the manner and limits within which such alterations shall be made, as follows:-

The location and grade of the railroad remaining unchanged, the location of said Huntington Road shall be changed as follows:-

Beginning at a point in the centre of said road as at present laid

out, distant five hundred and thirty-six (536) feet northwesterly from the westerly end of the covered bridge over the west branch of the Westfield river, the centre line shall run north $66^{\circ} 13' 05''$ west four hundred and twenty-eight and eighty-four one-hundredths ($428 \frac{84}{100}$) feet; thence westerly by a line curving southerly with a radius of fifty (50) feet, seventy-six and eighty-four one-hundredths ($76 \frac{84}{100}$) feet; thence south $25^{\circ} 43' 30''$ west to and across the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad, one hundred and three and sixteen one-hundredths ($103 \frac{16}{100}$) feet; thence westerly by a line curving northerly with a radius of twenty-five (25) feet, thirty-six and sixty-five one-hundredths ($36 \frac{65}{100}$) feet; thence north $70^{\circ} 16' 30''$ west three hundred and fifty-two and forty-nine one-hundredths ($352 \frac{49}{100}$) feet; thence north $82^{\circ} 16' 30''$ west eighty-two (82) feet to a point in the said Huntington Road distant one hundred and ninety-five and five tenths ($195 \frac{5}{10}$) feet westerly from the centre of the present grade crossing of said road and said railroad.

The said Huntington road as altered shall be constructed within the following lines, to wit:-

Beginning at a point in the line of the wall on the southwesterly side of the present location of said Huntington Road distant twenty-four and seventy-five one-hundredths ($24 \frac{75}{100}$) feet northeasterly from the centre line of said Huntington Road as altered; thence running north $66^{\circ} 13' 05''$ west three hundred and forty-six feet; thence running south $67^{\circ} 58' 05''$ west seventy-eight and five one-hundredths ($78 \frac{5}{100}$) feet; thence running south $25^{\circ} 43' 30''$ west twenty-five (25) feet to the north-easterly side line of the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad; thence running southeasterly by the said northeasterly side line of said location fifteen and twenty-five one-hundredths ($15 \frac{25}{100}$) feet; thence running south $25^{\circ} 43' 30''$ west across said location eighty-two and five tenths ($82 \frac{5}{10}$) feet to the southwesterly side line thereof; thence running northwesterly by the said southwesterly side line of said location ninety-five (95) feet; thence running westerly fifty-six (56) feet to a point distant twenty-four and seventy-five one-hundredths ($24 \frac{75}{100}$) feet northeasterly from the centre line of said road as altered; thence running north $70^{\circ} 16' 30''$ west two hundred and nine and twenty-three one-hundredths ($209 \frac{23}{100}$) feet; thence running north $82^{\circ} 16' 30''$ west eighty-four and six tenths ($84 \frac{6}{10}$) feet; thence running south $7^{\circ} 43' 30''$ west across said Huntington Road as at present constructed, forty-nine and five tenths ($49 \frac{5}{10}$) feet; thence running south $82^{\circ} 16' 30''$ east seventy-nine and four tenths ($79 \frac{4}{10}$) feet; thence running south $70^{\circ} 16' 30''$ east one hundred and thirty-nine and three one-hundredths ($139 \frac{3}{100}$) feet; thence running south $53^{\circ} 18' 50''$ east fifty-two and twenty-seven one-hundredths ($52 \frac{27}{100}$) feet to a point distant forty (40) feet southwesterly from the said centre line of said road as altered; thence running south $70^{\circ} 16' 30''$ east fifty (50) feet; thence running south $87^{\circ} 14' 10''$ east fifty-two and twenty-seven one-hundredths ($52 \frac{27}{100}$) feet to a point distant twenty-four and seventy-five one-

hundredths ($24 \frac{75}{100}$) feet southwesterly from said centre line; thence running south $70^{\circ} 16' 30''$ east eighty and seventy-seven one-hundredths ($80 \frac{77}{100}$) feet; thence running north $60^{\circ} 12' 40''$ east seventy and sixty-five one-hundredths ($70 \frac{65}{100}$) feet to the southwesterly side line of the location of said railroad; thence running northwesterly by the said southwesterly side line of said railroad location fifteen and twenty-five one-hundredths ($15 \frac{25}{100}$) feet; thence running north $25^{\circ} 43' 30''$ east across said location eighty-two and five tenths ($82 \frac{5}{10}$) feet to the northeasterly side line thereof; thence running southeasterly by the said northeasterly side line of said location twenty-five and twenty-five one-hundredths ($25 \frac{25}{100}$) feet; thence running north $25^{\circ} 43' 30''$ east twenty-five and twenty-five one-hundredths ($25 \frac{25}{100}$) feet to a point distant thirty-five (35) feet southwesterly from the centre line of said road as altered; thence running south $66^{\circ} 13' 05''$ east one hundred and twenty and seventy-nine one-hundredths ($120 \frac{79}{100}$) feet; thence running south $77^{\circ} 48' 15''$ east fifty-one and four one-hundredths ($51 \frac{4}{100}$) feet to a point distant twenty-four and seventy-five one-hundredths ($24 \frac{75}{100}$) feet southwesterly from the centre line of said road as altered; thence running south $66^{\circ} 13' 05''$ east three hundred and ten (310) feet to the said wall on the southwesterly side of the present location of said Huntington Road; thence running northwesterly by said wall to the place of beginning.

Said Huntington Road as altered shall pass over the tracks of said railroad by a suitable bridge at a height of not less than eighteen (18) feet in the clear above the grade of said tracks, which is unchanged.

We specify the grades for said Huntington Road as altered, and the general method of construction, as follows:-

From the northerly end of said bridge over the railroad, the grade shall descend at a rate not exceeding six (6) feet in one hundred feet, to the present grade of said Huntington Road. From the southerly end of said bridge over the railroad, the grade shall descend at a rate not exceeding five (5) feet in one hundred feet, for a distance of three hundred and seven (307) feet; and thence the grade shall be level for a distance of one hundred and eighty-one (181) feet to the present grade of said Huntington Road.

Said Huntington Road as altered shall be graded to a width of not less than twenty (20) feet throughout its entire length.

The surface of said road as altered is to be of good gravel ten (10) inches in depth with the proper crowning in the middle.

The said bridge over the railroad shall have a roadway not less than twenty (20) feet in width in the clear between the trusses and shall be supported on abutments of suitable masonry.

The superstructure of said bridge shall be built of iron or steel with hard pine underfloor and spruce plank wearing surface.

Substantial wooden fences not less than three feet and six inches high shall be built upon both sides of said roadway.

We specify the land or other property included in the location of said road as altered and lying outside of the location of said railroad, as the land or other property we deem necessary to be taken.

We determine that the Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall build the bridge and its abutments, and do all the work herein ordered to be done.

We decide and determine that the Commonwealth shall pay twenty-five per cent. (25%) of the total actual cost of the alterations, including the cost of the hearing and the compensation of the commissioners and auditors for their services and expenses, and all damages, including those mentioned in section 5 of said chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890, as amended, and that the town of Chester shall pay ten per cent. (10%) thereof, and that the Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall pay sixty-five per cent. (65%) thereof.

We decide and specify that so much of said Huntington Road as lies between the two ends of the new road and northerly of the north line thereof shall be discontinued upon the completion of the work herein ordered.

We file herewith as a part of our decision showing the alterations herein decided upon, a plan entitled "Separation of Grades at Huntington Road, Chester, Massachusetts, near mile post 123", dated January, 1900, and signed by us.

The charges of the commissioners for services and expenses are as follows:-

Chas. E. Hibbard,	Expenses, 1.50	
	Services, 50.00	\$ 51.50
William Sullivan,	Expenses, 7.00	
	Services, 50.00	\$ 57.00
William P. Martin,	Expenses, 7.00	
	Services, 50.00	\$ 57.00

Dated this twenty-seventh day of January, 1900.

Chas. E. Hibbard	}	Commissioners.
William Sullivan		
William P. Martin		

Filed, February 2, 1900.

D E C R E E.

COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS.

Hampden, ss.

Superior Court.

No. 7, Eq.

Joint Petition of the Selectmen of Chester and the Directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for the Alteration of Huntington Road Crossing in the Town of Chester.

Decree of the Court.

In this case the decision of Charles E. Hibbard, William Sullivan and William P. Martin having been duly returned and filed in this Court, and the same having been considered and a certificate of the Board of Railroad Commissioners having been filed in this case, certifying that in their judgment the expenditure on the part of the Commonwealth for

the current year under said certificate and previous certificates issued under section 11 of chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890, will not exceed the amount provided for in said Act as amended, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said decision be and the same hereby is confirmed and the findings thereof adopted.

Feb. 12, 1900.

By the Court sitting in Boston,

Indorsed as follows:-

Henry E. Bellew, Asst. Clerk.

The Boston & Albany Railroad Co. assents to the within decree.

By Sam'l. Hoar its general counsel.

The town of Chester assents to the within decree.

By George H. Hapgood

Clarence M. Woods

Charles J. Ingell

Its Selectmen.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, By

Fredk. E. Hurd, Asst. Atty-Gen.

Filed, Feb. 13, 1900.

True copies.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

(Seal).

Land Damages.

\$ 50.

The following person is allowed the sum set against his name for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of fifty dollars and the same is ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

To George Holdridge on petition of Arthur B. Brown et als. \$ 50.

Allowance for damages
done to sheep.

The sum of fifty-four dollars and ninety cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Accounts.

\$ 23,283.18

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of twenty-three thousand, two hundred and eighty-three dollars and eighteen cents, are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Hampden, ss. April 4, 1900.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the tenth day of said month, and by adjournment on the thirteenth and eighteenth days of April, and by adjournment on the second and sixteenth days of May, and by adjournment on the sixth, seventh and fifteenth days of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

Present, Joel H. Hendrick, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, Esq.	
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.	

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents Elinza B. Craig of West Springfield in said county, that the town of West Springfield, a municipal corporation established by law in said county of Hampden, acting by its Board of Water Commissioners by virtue and in execution of the power and authority vested in it by the Legislature of the Commonwealth by chapter 206 of the Acts of the year 1893, has within three years next prior to the date and filing of this petition taken and now holds the following described land belonging to your petitioner:-

Beginning at an iron pipe driven in the ground at the southwest corner of land of Harrison Loomis on the northerly side of the Amostown Road (so-called) thence south 80° 51' W. on the north side of said road 425.65 feet; thence N. 68° 34' W. on the north side of said road 117.35 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground; thence N. 28° 27' E. on land of E. B. Craig 386.27 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground; thence south 69° E. on land of said Craig 340.70 feet to land of said Harrison Loomis at an iron pipe driven in the ground, thence south 8° 7' E. on land of said Loomis 194.60 feet to the place of beginning; containing 2.81 acres of land; together with a certain spring and the waters thereof; that at the time of said taking said land and other property belonged to your petitioner.

And your petitioner avers that by the taking of said land, spring and waters by the said town of West Springfield as aforesaid, he, the petitioner, has been greatly damaged and put to great loss and inconvenience and his other and remaining property greatly reduced in value.

Your petitioner further represents that he is unable to agree with said town or with its Board of Water Commissioners upon the amount of said damage and he therefore prays that the same may be assessed and determined by your Honorable Body and for such other orders and decrees in the premises as law and justice may require.

Elinza B. Craig (Petitioner)
for estimate of damages)

vs.

Town of West Springfield

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Elinza B. Craig by Walter S. Robinson

and Carroll & McClintock, his attorneys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now, by consent, it is ordered that said petition be dismissed without prejudice and without costs.

Inhabitants of Ludlow
Petrs. for new loca-
tion of highway in
Ludlow.

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Holyoke St. (2)
Book of Plans II,
pages 88-97.

To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents the petitioners, inhabitants of the town of Ludlow in said county, that the boundaries of the highway in said Ludlow leading from Ludlow Village past the house of the late Owen Clifford, the Harris Mill so-called, and Moody Corners, to the Chicopee line near the house of one Stillman Lawton are ill-defined and obscure so that the limits of said highway cannot in many places be ascertained or determined.

Wherefore your petitioners pray your Honorable Board to view the premises and to locate anew said highway from the corner of Howard and North streets in said Ludlow near the house of Mrs. F. A. Towne to said Chicopee line, and to make such alterations as shall seem best.

Ludlow, Mass., June 23, 1899.

Inhabitants of Ludlow, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, April 18th, 1900.

On the petition of A. E. Fuller and others, praying for a highway to be relocated in Ludlow,-

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 8th day of August A.D. 1899, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners do relocate said highway in the manner following:-

Description of the relocation of a road from Ludlow Village to
the Chicopee Falls line.

Beginning at a stone bound on the northwesterly side of North

street near the house of one Smith, and running thence N. 5° 21' W. 287.37 ft. to a stone bound. Thence N. 17° 32' W. 107.07 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 27° W. 121.76 ft. to a stone bound; thence crossing the street N. 58° 01' E. 45.17 ft. to a stone bound. Up to this point the easterly side of the street is parallel and 45 feet distant from said westerly side. Thence returning to the last mentioned bound on the westerly side and continuing N. 37° 26' W. 618.55 ft. to a stone bound. Thence crossing the street N. 49° 38' E. 50.09 ft. to a stone bound. At this point the street is 50 ft. wide at right angles and continues at this width throughout the remainder of the location; thence returning to the last mentioned bound on the westerly side of the street and continuing N. 44° 14' W. 658.12 feet to a stone bound nearly opposite the southerly side of Maple street; thence by a curve to the right, radius 442.6 ft. 233.80 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 13° 58' W. 361.48 ft. to a stone bound opposite the house of Eli Deforge; thence N. 8° 17' W. 953.97 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 11° 26' W. 767.6 ft. to a stone bound opposite the house of Peter Loungeway; thence N. 14° 59' W. 1637.82 ft. to a stone bound nearly opposite the road to Collins Depot; thence N. 21° 27' W. 1280.22 ft. to a stone bound near the house of Irwin Cooley; thence N. 58° 04' W. 612.54 ft. to a stone bound nearly opposite the road to Ludlow Center; thence N. 49° 32' W. 502.29 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 47° 32' W. 408.37 ft. to a stone bound; thence by a curve to the left, radius 1017.14 ft. 297.94 ft. to a stone bound; thence N. 64° 19' W. 1552.70 ft. to a stone bound; thence by a curve to the left, radius 351.90 ft. 234.82 ft. to a stone bound opposite the South Hadley Canal Road; thence S. 77° 27' W. 1776.39 ft. to a stone bound at the Chicopee line. The above is a description of the westerly and southerly side of the location.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of May next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To H. A. Storer, \$ 150.

John Bourcier, 35.

To be paid to them out of the County Treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway. A plan of said relocation is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. May 16th, 1900.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded, that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest: Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

County Tax Assessed.

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session granting a tax of one hundred and forty-four thousand, five hundred and eighty-one dollars (\$ 144,581.) for the county of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said county, in manner following,-

Agawam,	\$ 1,462.44	
Blandford,	487.48	
Brimfield,	458.81	
Chester,	716.89	
Chicopee,	10,265.77	
East Longmeadow,	716.89	
Granville,	401.46	
Hampden,	430.13	
Holland,	86.03	
Holyoke,	34,955.25	
Longmeadow,	802.91	
Ludlow,	1,376.41	
Monson,	2,093.28	
Montgomery,	143.37	
Palmer,	3,096.92	
Russell,	487.48	
Southwick,	573.51	
Springfield,	70,856.77	
Tolland,	143.37	
Wales,	315.43	
Westfield,	8,774.62	
West Springfield,	5,075.52	
Wilbraham,	860.26	\$ 144,581.00

And warrants have been issued dated April twenty-first, nineteen hundred directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns and cities in said county directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or constables to collect the same, and to cause the amount so collected to be paid into the county treasury.

Mark Noble et als.,
Petrs. for relaying
& widening highway
in Monson.

26.

Additional land
damages.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a regular adjourned meeting of the County Commissioners held at the court-house in Springfield, May, 2, 1900.

Upon a further consideration of the question of damages caused by the relaying and widening of certain highways in the town of Monson on the petition of Mark Noble and others, it is now ordered that the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.) be paid to Martha A. Stiles, the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.) be paid to John Lynch, the sum of twenty dollars

(\$20.) be paid to Wm. Wills, and the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.) be paid to H. P. Witherell by the town of Monson, when the land over which the highways are relocated shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highways.

J. H. Hendrick }
J. M. Sickman } County
W. H. Brainerd } Commissioners.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the counties of Hampden and Hampshire in joint session at Springfield in said Hampden county, on the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred,-

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the counties of Hampden and Hampshire:-

Respectfully represents the town of Easthampton in the county of Hampshire, that it is the owner of a lot of land in said Easthampton, known as the Easthampton Pumping Station, and including the Thread Mill and Grist Mill properties, bounded southerly and southwesterly by land of A. J. Fargo; northwesterly and northerly by the Manhan river; and easterly by land of Mrs. Hannah Jepson, with the pumping station thereon, and the water power, and privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging; that the city of Holyoke by its Water Commissioners, by an instrument in writing filed and recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds, on the eighth day of September, 1897, in Book 502 pages 103 and 149 and by other proceedings duly had, appropriated, took and held, the water from the southwesterly branch of the Manhan river and the waters of Tucker and Manhan brooks and the springs connected therewith, and the water rights connected with such waters; that the waters so taken were sources of power to operate the said pumping station, and for other purposes on and connected with the said premises; that your petitioner is damaged by the taking of said water, water sources, water rights and by the construction of dams, aqueducts, and other works for the purpose of taking and diverting said water; that your petitioner cannot agree with the said city upon the amount of such damages; that all of said acts have been within three years next prior to the filing of this petition.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that, after due notice, you will assess its damages in accordance with chapter 419 of the Acts of 1896, under which act said city has proceeded.

The Town of Easthampton,

By its attorneys, Wm. G. Bassett

Edw. L. Shaw

The foregoing petition was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Commissioners for said County of Hampshire, on the nineteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and

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City of Holyoke

Award.

due notice having been given to the said city of Holyoke, the said County Commissioners viewed the said premises and heard all parties interested, and now on this seventh day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred, do assess the damages as follows:-

It is ordered that there be paid to the said petitioner the Town of Easthampton, the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$ 18,000.) in full for all damages sustained by said petitioner; the same to be paid by the city of Holyoke.

James M. Sickman, Esquire, one of the County Commissioners for said Hampden county being a resident of the said city of Holyoke, Harrison Loomis, Esquire, Special Commissioner for said county of Hampden, acted in his place.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners and Special Commissioner of Hampden county.
W. H. Brainerd		
H. Loomis		

E. E. Davis	}	County Commissioners of Hampshire county.
O. W. Prouty		
C. K. Brewster		

Wilfred J. Lyman
(Petr. for assessment
of damages)
vs.
City of Holyoke

Award.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the counties of Hampden and Hampshire in joint session at Springfield, in said Hampden county, on the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred,-

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the counties of Hampden and Hampshire:-

Wilfred J. Lyman of Southampton, in the county of Hampshire, represents that he is the owner of a lot of land in said Southampton, known as the Lyman Saw Mill property and bounded and described as follows:- northerly by land of Albro Miller, easterly by land of Jarius Frary, southerly by Manhan river, and westerly by the location of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, with the mill buildings thereon, and the water power, and privileges, and appurtenances thereto belonging that the city of Holyoke by its Water Commissioners, by an instrument in writing filed, and recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds, on the eighth day of September, 1897, in book 502 on pages 103 and 149, and by other proceedings duly had, appropriated, took and held, the water from the southwesterly branch of the Manhan river and the waters of Tucker and Manhan brooks, and the springs connected therewith, and the water rights connected with such waters; that the waters so taken were sources of power to operate a saw and shingle mill, and were also valuable to your petitioner as an ice pond and yielded him a supply of ice; that your

petitioner is damaged by the taking of said water, water sources, water rights and by the construction of dams, aqueducts, and other works for the purpose of taking and diverting said water; that your petitioner cannot agree with the said city upon the amount of such damages; that all of said acts have been within three years next prior to the filing of this petition.

Wherefore your petitioner prays, that after due notice you will assess his damages in accordance with chapter 419 of the Acts of 1896, under which act said city has proceeded.

Wilfred J. Lyman, by attorneys,
Wm. G. Bassett,
Edw. L. Shaw

The foregoing petition was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Commissioners for said county of Hampshire, on the nineteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and due notice having been given to the said city of Holyoke, the said County Commissioners viewed the said premises and heard all parties interested, and now on this seventh day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred, do assess the damages as follows:-

It is ordered that there be paid to the said petitioner Wilfred J. Lyman the sum of sixteen hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$ 1683.) in full for all damages sustained by said petitioner; the same to be paid by the city of Holyoke.

James M. Sickman, Esquire, one of the County Commissioners for said Hampden county being a resident of the said city of Holyoke, Harrison Loomis, Esquire, Special Commissioner for said county of Hampden acted in his place.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners and Special Commissioner of Hampden county.
W. H. Brainerd		
H. Loomis		
E. E. Davis	}	County Commissioners of Hampshire county.
O. W. Prouty		
C. K. Brewster		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the counties of Hampden and Hampshire in joint session at Springfield in said Hampden county, on the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred,-

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of Hampden and Hampshire:-
George H. Lyon and William S. Lyon, both of Southampton, in the county of Hampshire, represent that they are the owners of a lot of land in said Southampton, known as the Old Mill Site, bounded northeasterly

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and easterly by land of the New Haven and Northampton Company, southerly by the county road leading to Westfield, and northwesterly by Manhan river, being a triangular piece of land with mill buildings thereon, with the water power and privilege and appurtenances thereto belonging; that the city of Holyoke by its Water Commissioners, by an instrument in writing filed, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the county of Hampshire, on the eighth day of September, 1897, in book 502, at pages 103 and 149, and by other proceedings duly had, appropriated, took and held the water from the southwesterly branch of Manhan river, and the waters of Tucker and Manhan brooks, and the springs connected therewith and the water rights connected with such waters; that the waters so taken were sources of power to operate a grist mill, a shingle and a saw mill, and for other purposes on and connected with their said premises; that your petitioners are damaged by the taking of said water, water sources, water rights, and by the construction of dams, aqueducts, and other works for the purpose of taking and diverting said water; that your petitioners cannot agree with the said city upon the amount of such damages; that all of said acts have been within three years next prior to filing this petition.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that, after due notice, you will assess their damages in accordance with chapter 419 of the Acts of 1896, under which act said city has proceeded.

George H. Lyon and William S. Lyon,

By attorney, Wm. G. Bassett.

The foregoing petition was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Commissioners for said county of Hampshire, on the twenty-third day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and due notice having been given to the said city of Holyoke, the said County Commissioners viewed the said premises and heard all parties interested, and now on this seventh day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred, do assess the damages as follows:-

It is ordered that there be paid to the said petitioners, George H. Lyon and William S. Lyon, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6500.) in full for all damages sustained by said petitioners; the same to be paid by the city of Holyoke.

James M. Sickman, Esquire, one of the County Commissioners for said Hampden county being a resident of the said city of Holyoke, Harrison Loomis, Esquire, Special Commissioner for said county of Hampden acted in his place.

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners and Special Commissioner of Hampden county.
W. H. Brainerd	
H. Loomis	
E. E. Davis	} County Commissioners of Hampshire county.
O. W. Prouty	
C. K. Brewster	

April Meeting 1900.

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of three hundred and forty-five dollars, and the same are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

To C. Dugdale on petition of C. W. Bates et als.	\$ 25.
To J. H. Moore	125.
To David Smith estate	10.
To H. A. Storer on petition of Inhabts. of Ludlow,	150.
To John Bourcier	35.

Land damages.

\$ 345.00

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same, amounting to the sum of nine thousand eight hundred and eighty-three dollars and seventy-six cents are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Accounts.

\$ 9,883.76

Hampden, ss. June 15, 1900.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert D. Morris

Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty-sixth day of said month, and by adjournment on the fifth and sixteenth days of July, and by adjournment on the first, fifteenth and twenty-first days of August, and by adjournment on the fifth, seventh, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth days of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

Present, Joel H. Hendrick, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, Esq.	
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.	

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Caroline E. Hayden,
(Petr. for assessment
of damages)

vs.

City of Springfield

No. 19.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your petitioner, Caroline E. Hayden of Springfield in said county,-

1. That the city of Springfield, a municipal corporation duly established by law in said county, acting by its Board of Water Commissioners, by virtue and in execution of the power and authority vested in it by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by chapter three hundred and three of the Acts of 1890 has taken, held and conveyed into its system of water supply the waters of Five Mile Pond, and has withdrawn and diverted said waters all within three years next prior to the date of said petition;
2. That your petitioner is the owner of certain lands in said Springfield bordering on said pond, bounded and described as follows:- on the south by the Boston Road, on the west by land now or formerly of James Covins and by said Pond, on the north by said Pond, and on the east by land now or formerly of Harriet R. Moulton;
3. That said waters taken were used by your petitioner and were of great value and contributed largely to the value of her said lands;
4. That by the taking, holding, withdrawing and diverting of said waters as aforesaid, the springs on said land have been drained dry and said lands have been much damaged and reduced in value;

Wherefore your petitioner prays that said damages may be determined and assessed by your Honorable Board and for such other orders and decrees in the premises as law and justice may require.

Caroline E. Hayden,

Attorney for petitioner, Chas. L. Young

March 28, 1900.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

ninety-nine, and was continued from meeting to meeting, to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden.-

Petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company.

The Boston and Albany Railroad Company, a corporation duly established under the laws of said Commonwealth, respectfully represents that for the purpose of improving the alignment of its road, it desires to change the location of that part of its road in the towns of Ludlow, Palmer and Belchertown in said Commonwealth, known as the Athol Branch, which lies between the twelfth and fifteenth mile posts in its present location; that said railroad will, when completed in its new location, cross a public way in said town of Ludlow in said county known as the Red Bridge Road.

And your petitioner further represents that public necessity requires the crossing of said public way and said railroad at the same level.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that your Honorable Board will adjudge that public necessity requires said crossing at the same level, and will authorize and require said Railroad Company so to construct its road, and will prescribe the manner in which it shall be constructed, after due proceedings had in the premises.

The Boston and Albany Railroad Company,

By Samuel Hoar, General Counsel.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners filed the following interlocutory decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. May 16th, 1900.

On the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, a corporation duly established under the laws of said Commonwealth, setting forth that for the purpose of improving the alignment of its road, it desires to change the location of that part of its road in the towns of Ludlow, Palmer and Belchertown in said Commonwealth, known as the Athol Branch which lies between the twelfth and fifteenth mile posts in its present location; that said railroad will, when completed in its new location, cross a public way in said town of Ludlow in said county known as the Red Bridge Road; and that public necessity requires the crossing of said public way and said railroad at the same level. And in said petition, said petitioners pray that said County Commissioners will adjudge that public necessity requires said crossing at the same level, and will

Boston & Albany Railroad Co., Petr. for leave to construct railroad across Red Bridge Road in Ludlow at grade.

authorize and require said Railroad Company so to construct its road, and will prescribe the manner in which it shall be constructed, after due proceedings had in the premises.

Upon said petition, due notice having been given to all persons interested, and a full hearing having been had, it is now adjudged by said County Commissioners that public necessity requires said crossing at the same level.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

And said petition was continued to this meeting, and now the County Commissioners file the following final decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, July 5th, 1900.

Upon the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, a corporation duly established under the laws of said Commonwealth, to cross at grade a public way in said town of Ludlow in said county, known as the Red Bridge Road,-

It appearing that public necessity requires that the prayer of said petition should be granted and that the Board of Railroad Commissioners have, in writing, consented to said crossing at the same level, it is hereby decreed that the said Company be specially authorized to construct its said railroad over said highway at the same level.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Decision certified to the parties and to the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Moses Tougas et als.
Petrs. for new loca-
tion and discontinu-
ance of highways in
Blandford.

22.

Book of Plans II,
pages 101-102.

Blandford, Mass. March 10th 1900

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the county of Hampden.-

We the undersigned citizens of the town of Blandford hereby represent that public necessity and convenience require that a new road be laid from near the house of D. H. De Gray to a point near the school-house in Martin S. Phelps District so-called and that the road now existing known as the Stony Gutter road beginning at point near house said D. H. De Gray thence westerly to Second Division road so-called to a point near house owned by Simeon Clark be discontinued and we request your Honorable Body to view the same and grant the prayer of petitioners and as in duty bound would ever pray.

Moses Tougas and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second

Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

Sept. 13, 1900.

On the petition of Moses Tougas and others, praying that a highway be laid out and a highway discontinued in Blandford in said county. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 2nd day of June A. D. 1900, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be laid out. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners proceeded to locate said highway.

And now said Commissioners lay out said highway in the manner following:- Beginning at a stone bound on the northerly side of the Stony Gutter road so-called, northerly from the house of D. H. De Gray, thence north $10^{\circ} 30'$ east 578 feet on land of said De Gray to a stone bound. Thence north 24° east 992 feet on land of M. S. Phelps estate to a stone bound. Thence north 59° east 471 feet on land of Frank Kenney to a stone bound. Thence north 80° east 476 feet on land of said Phelps estate to a stone bound. Thence north about 66° east 197 feet on land of said Phelps estate to a stone bound on line of highway leading to Russell.

And do further adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the Stony Gutter road be discontinued and it is ordered that upon the completion of the new highway, that the Stony Gutter road be discontinued beginning at a point near house of said D. H. De Gray running westerly to Second Division road to a point near house owned by Simeon Clark.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of October next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To M. S. Phelps estate	\$ 80.00
Frank Kenney	20.00

To be paid to them out of the County Treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Blandford shall, on or before the first day of December 1900, complete and finish the same, so that 14 feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall

be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be 4 inches higher than the sides by a circular, curved surface. Bridges and culverts shall be constructed of stone, wood or drain pipes of sufficient capacity at all places necessary for conducting away the water. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

J. M. Sickman being absent, W. H. Porter was called in and acted in his stead.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
Wm. H. Porter	}	Associate Commissioner.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Sept. 13, 1900.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon, it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Andrew J. Stapleton
awarded contract for
removing Offal at
Jail.

June 26, 1900.

Andrew J. Stapleton was awarded the contract for removing the offal from the Jail for the year commencing July fifth, nineteen hundred, for one hundred and fifteen dollars (\$ 115.).

C. H. Hobbs et als.
Petr. for alteration
or relocation of
highway in Palmer.

26.

Book of Plans II,
pages 105-106.

To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens and legal voters in the town of Palmer in said county residing that the public convenience and necessity require that so much of the public highway leading from Three Rivers in said Palmer to Springfield and known as the Springfield Road as lies between the point where said highway is intersected by Anderson Avenue on the east and by the road or way leading northerly from said highway to the house of William Talmadge on the west be altered by raising portions thereof, changing the grade of portions thereof, widening and straightening portions thereof or by relocating a portion thereof by laying out and constructing a new highway through the premises known as the Shearer Farm to some point on said Springfield Road near where the same is intersected by the highway leading to North Wilbraham.

We therefore pray that after due notice you will view said premises and take such action regarding this petition as in your judgment public convenience and necessity may require.

June 13, 1900.

C. H. Hobbs and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting,

Sept. 14th, 1900

On the petition of C. H. Hobbs and others, praying for a highway to be relocated in the town of Palmer. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the sixteenth day of July, A.D. 1900, view said highway and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners now relocate said highway in the manner following:-

Description of southerly side.

Beginning at a stone bound on the southerly side of the present road lying S. 5° 29' E. 50 feet from a stone bound marking the westerly end of the location of Springfield street in Oct., 1883, and recorded in book 10, page 262, of County Commissioners' Highway Records; thence S. 84° 31' W. 222.32 feet to a stone bound; thence N. 79° 42' W. 700.07 feet to a stone bound; thence N. 75° 27' W. 482.62 feet to a stone bound; thence N. 73° 04' W. 518.33 feet to a stone bound; thence deflecting to the left 57° 19' by a curve with a radius of 100 feet, and a length of 100.03 feet to a stone bound; thence S. 49° 37' W. 166.87 feet to a stone bound; thence deflecting to the right 38° 15' by a curve with a radius of 450 feet, 300.41 feet to a stone bound; thence S. 87° 52' W. 452.95 feet to a stone bound; thence N. 50° 00' W. 482.37 feet to a stone bound; thence N. 20° 19' W. 1613.08 feet to a stone bound; thence deflecting to the left 58° 04' by a curve with a radius of 175 feet 177.35 feet to a stone bound on the southerly side of the present road. The northerly side is parallel to and 50 feet distant from the southerly or line described, for the first six courses; thence deflects 38° 15' to the right with a curve of radius 306.86 feet and length of 204.86 feet; thence parallel to and 70 feet distant from the southerly side 498.55 feet; thence parallel to and 60 feet distant from the southerly side 448.59 feet; thence parallel to and 50 feet distant from the southerly side to the end of the layout.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of October next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To Mrs. Honora Dunn

\$ 180.

To be paid to her by the town of Palmer, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Palmer shall, on or before the first day of November 1900, complete and finish the same, so that twenty feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be six (6) inches higher than the sides by a circular, curved surface; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level, or a regularly inclined plane, and greater rise shall not exceed six and one-half (6 1/2) feet in one hundred feet. The grade of no part of the road shall be less than eight feet above the crest of the new dam now being erected by the Otis Company across Chicopee river. Bridges shall be constructed of stone or brick; drains and sluices shall be of the same material and of sufficient capacity at all places necessary for conducting away the water. 12 inches on the surface of the whole part to be travelled upon shall consist of gravel or other material which shall be permanently hard; and durable stone or iron monument shall be placed at each end, and at each angle, in said described line. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the sides shall not exceed one foot perpendicular, to one and one-half feet horizontal. The slopes of all embankments to be properly protected by rip-rap. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

A plan of said relocation is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

W. H. Brainerd, Esq., County Commissioner, being disqualified on account of residence, W. H. Porter, Esq., Associate Commissioner, was called in and acted in his stead.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County
J. M. Sickman		Commissioners.
W. H. Porter		Associate Commissioner.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Sept. 21st, 1900.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

June Meeting, 1900.

H. E. W. Clark et al.
Petrs. to locate anew
a highway in Palmer.

23.

Additional damages.

Second amendment see
page 139.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, held at the court-house in Springfield, July 16th, 1900,

Upon a further consideration of the question of damages caused by the relaying of a highway in the town of Palmer, on the petition of H. E. W. Clark and others, it is now ordered that the additional sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.) be paid to Edward Hallez from the county treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
Wm. H. Porter		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned, citizens and legal voters in the towns of Ludlow and Wilbraham in said county, that the public convenience and necessity require that that portion of the public highway lying in the town of Wilbraham leading from Ludlow Village to Three Rivers which begins at a point distant two hundred sixty-four and thirty seven hundredths (264.37) feet easterly from the center of the easterly end of Red Bridge, so-called, and extends easterly about one thousand (1000) feet, be altered by raising portions thereof, changing the grade of portions thereof and by relocating a portion thereof.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that after due notice you will view the premises and take such action as in your judgment the public convenience and necessity may require.

H. C. Burr and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, Sept. 7th, 1900.

On the petition of H. C. Burr and others, praying that a highway be altered and relocated in the town of Wilbraham.

It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 21st day of August A.D. 1900, view said highway and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be altered and relocated. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners do now proceed to

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alter and relocate said highway, in the manner following:

Beginning at a stone monument in the center of the highway N. 75 deg. 12 min. E. and distant 264.37 feet from the center of the easterly end of the iron bridge over the Chicopee river at "Red Bridge Crossing" thence running N. 57 deg. 12 min. E. 350.54 feet to a stone monument, thence N. 71 deg. 4 min. E. 419.16 feet to a stone monument, thence S. 70 deg. E. 90.1 feet to a stone monument, thence S. 36 deg. 20 min. E. 130 feet to a stone monument in the center line of the present travelled road. Said course is run in the center of the location for a road three rods wide.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Wilbraham shall, on or before the 1st day of December 1900, complete and finish the same, so that the grade of the road shall correspond with the profile filed herewith and made a part hereof.

Road bed to be thirty feet wide at grade, with side slopes of one and one-half feet horizontally to one foot vertically, and carried over the waste or ice-way of the Ludlow Manufacturing Company on a stone arch bridge of sixteen feet four inches clear span, the arch to be built of granite rubble sheeting eighteen inches deep laid in cement mortar and top covered with a heavy coat of cement mortar troweled smooth.

The skew-back and end ring stones to be cut granite laid in cement mortar with joints not over one-half inch thick.

The abutment and end walls to be of granite rubble stone, with selected coping and step stones, all to be laid in cement mortar and joints pointed with Portland cement mortar.

A steel truss bridge supported on granite rubble stone walls of the canal, is to span the canal of said company. The bridge to have a clear span of seventy-nine feet and four inches, and a clear width of eighteen feet.

The bridge to have a factor of safety of four when loaded one hundred pounds to the square foot of floor surface.

Bridge seats to be dressed to receive trusses, and all masonry to be laid in cement mortar.

Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

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The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

June Meeting, 1900.

August 15, 1900. The contract for furnishing the Court-house, Jail and Truant School with coal for the ensuing year, was awarded M. A. Maynard for the Court-house, Maryland George's Creek at \$ 4.65 per gross ton, for the Jail, Maryland George's Creek at \$ 4.35 per gross ton and for the Truant School, Hazelton Lehigh at \$ 5.85 per gross ton.

C O N T R A C T

for furnishing the Court-house, Jail and Truant School with coal for the year beginning August 15th, 1900.

This AGREEMENT made and concluded on this 15th day of August, 1900,
between

The county of Hampden, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by
its Board of County Commissioners, Party of the First Part,
and

M. A. Maynard of Springfield, in said county of Hampden,
Party of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH: That the said Party of the Second Part for a consideration hereinafter mentioned, agrees to furnish for the Hampden county Jail and House of Correction in said Springfield, a supply of Maryland George's Creek Coal, for one year from date of this Contract, delivered on cars at the said Jail; and to furnish for the Hampden county Court-house in said Springfield, a supply of Maryland George's Creek Coal for one year from date of this Contract, delivered in the bins at said Court-house, at such times and in such amounts as shall be requested by the Party of the First Part; and to furnish for the Hampden county Truant School in said Springfield, a supply of Hazelton Lehigh Coal for one year from date of this Contract, delivered in the bins at said Truant School, at such times and in such amounts as shall be requested by the Party of the First Part.

In Consideration Whereof, the said Party of the First Part agrees to pay to the said Party of the Second Part the sum of Four dollars and thirty-five cents (\$4.35) per gross ton for coal delivered at said Jail and Four dollars and sixty-five cents (\$4.65) per gross ton for coal delivered at said Court-house and Five dollars and eighty-five cents (\$5.85) per gross ton for coal delivered at said Truant School.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set out hands and seals, on the day and year first above written.

In Presence of	J. H. Hendrick	} County (Seal) Commissioners.
E. Anna Hook	J. M. Sickman	
In Presence of	M. A. Maynard, Contractor. (Seal)	
E. Anna Hook		

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Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, held at the court-
house in Springfield, August 21st, 1900.

Upon further consideration of the question of damages caused by the
relaying of a highway in the town of Palmer, on the petition of H. E.
W. Clark and others, it is now ordered that the additional sum of One
hundred dollars (\$100.) be paid to M. Lawlor and the sum of Fifty dollars
(\$50.) be paid to A. M. Bond, both to be paid by the town of Palmer,
when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered
upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

J. H. Hendrick } County
J. M. Sickman } Commissioners.
W. H. Porter, Associate Commissioner.

Springfield Street
Railway Co. Petr. for
substitution of rails
and beams on North
End Bridge.

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Springfield, Mass., September 12, 1900

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

The Springfield Street Railway Company respectfully petitions your
Honorable Board for permission to substitute the full grooved section
of rail for the "T" rail now on the North End Bridge.

Also for permission to substitute steel beams for the wooden string-
ers now under said rails on said Bridge.

Springfield Street Railway Company,

By John Olmsted, President,

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and due proceedings
having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following
decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

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Springfield Street Railway Company, Petr.

The prayer of the petition is granted so far as this Board has
authority in the matter.

J. M. Sickman } County Commissioner.
Wm. H. Porter } Associate Commissioner.

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Petrs. to locate anew
a highway in Palmer.

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Additional damages.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, September 15th, 1900.

Upon further consideration of the question of damages caused by the relaying of a highway in the town of Palmer, on the petition of H. E. W. Clark and others, it is now ordered that the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.) be paid to H. E. W. Clark, to be paid from the County Treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County
J. M. Sickman		Commissioners.
W. H. Porter		Associate Commissioner.

The sum of six hundred and three dollars and fifty cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Allowance for damages
done to Sheep.

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same, amounting to the sum of sixteen thousand three hundred and forty-four dollars and thirty-three cents, are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts.

\$ 16,344.33

Hampden, ss. September 15, 1900.

Judgment is entered up according to reports, &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:- Robert D. Morris Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October, being the second day of said month, and by adjournment on the third, eighth, thirteenth and thirtieth days of said month, and by adjournment on the seventh, thirteenth and twenty-seventh days of November, and by adjournment on the fifth, tenth, eleventh and fourteenth days of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

Present, Joel H. Hendrick, Esq. Chairman
James M. Sickman, Esq.
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.

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Commissioners.

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To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents, Crane Bros. of Westfield in said county, a copartnership composed of Robert B. and James A. Crane, both of said Westfield.-

That the Inhabitants of the town of Westfield, a municipal corporation in said county, acting by its Board of Water Commissioners by virtue and in execution of the power and authority vested in it by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by chapter 342 of the Acts of the year 1895, has taken and holds the waters of Tillotson Brook and other brooks in Granville, in said county, and the waters which flow into and from the same within the limits of said Granville, and the water rights connected with said water sources, and have withdrawn and diverted said waters all within three years next prior to the date of this petition.

That your petitioners are the owners of certain lands near Mill street in said Westfield and on the banks of Little river and on which lands are certain mills and factories. And that they are owners of certain other lands situated in said Westfield by the Granville Road and on the banks of said river and on which lands are certain mills and factories; and that they are the owners of two certain dams, water powers and privileges in said Little river and that said waters taken, held, withdrawn and diverted, as aforesaid, have until such taking, withholding and diversion run into said Little river and flowed without interruption in said Little river by said lands, as aforesaid.

Said waters so diverted and taken were used by your petitioners with the waters of said river in producing power used by them in their said mills and factories and for other purposes, and were of great value to your petitioners and contributed in large amount to the value of their said lands and buildings, and other lands and buildings of your petitioners used and occupied in connection with their business.

Your petitioners aver that by the taking, holding, withdrawing and

diverting of said waters, as aforesaid, they have been much damaged, and that their lands and buildings have been greatly reduced in value.

Your petitioners further represent that they are unable to agree with said town of Westfield upon the amount of such damages and therefore pray that the same may be ascertained and determined by your Honorable Board, and for such orders and decrees in the premises as law and justice may require.

Dated February 17, 1900.

Crane Bros., Petitioners.

A. F. Lilley, atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court-house in Springfield, in said county, on Wednesday the second day of May then next, at 9.30 o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon the said town of Westfield thirty days at least before the said second day of May that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the June meeting, in the year nineteen hundred, when the petitioners filed the following motion to amend said petition, to wit:-

Hampden county, to wit:-

Robert B. Crane and James A. Crane as Crane Bros.

vs.

Inhabitants of town of Westfield.

To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of said county of Hampden:-

And now come the petitioners in the above entitled cause and move for leave to amend their petition for the assessment of damages heretofore filed with said Commissioners, by inserting next after the second paragraph therein, the following,-

"That by the terms of said act said town is empowered to take and hold from time to time, in addition to the waters of said Tillotson brook and said other brooks already taken, withdrawn and diverted as aforesaid, any or all of the waters of Munn's brook in said Granville and the waters of any streams, springs and water sources within the watershed of said Munn's brook and its tributaries and confluents, which waters ordinarily and if not withdrawn and diverted from their usual and natural courses flow into Little river, hereinafter mentioned."

And by inserting just before the last paragraph in said petition the following,-

"And that by the existence of the power conferred upon said town by said Act to take and hold any or all of the waters of said Munn's brook and the waters of any streams, springs and water sources within the watershed of said brook and its tributaries and confluents, and also the waters of any ponds, springs, streams, artesian or driven wells or

filter galleries within the limits of said town of Westfield and the water rights and water sources connected therewith, in addition to the waters already taken, as aforesaid, and by the future exercise of said town of said power they have suffered and will suffer further and future damage in their said rights, property, privileges, lands and buildings.

Crane Bros. by

A. F. Lilley, their attorney

Which said motion was allowed. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now the Commissioners make the following award, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 10th, 1900.

On the foregoing petition, it appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners met the parties at the courthouse, Springfield, on the second day of May, in the year 1900, when the petitioners appeared by their attorney, Alfred F. Lilley, and the respondent appeared by its attorney, Arthur S. Kneil, and the case was continued from time to time until the tenth day of December, 1900, and having fully heard the parties, said County Commissioners do now award and determine that the said town of Westfield pay to the said Crane Bros. the sum of Twenty Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-six Dollars and forty cents (\$20,646.40), the same being in full compensation for all damages incurred by the said petitioner by reason of the acts of said defendant as described by said petitioner.

The petitioner made the following request for rulings:-

1. Inasmuch as the respondents have never filed a "taking" in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds as required by Chap. 342 Stat. 1895, actual diversion of water from Tillotson & Japhet brooks is the "taking" of those brooks and not merely of such an amount of water as will flow through a 14 inch pipe.
2. Inasmuch as there has been no formal taking filed in the registry of deeds as required by law, and inasmuch as water has been actually taken by diversion, the petitioners must recover in this action all prospective as well as present damages caused by the taking or probable taking of water under authority of Chap. 342, Stat. 1895.
3. If the Commissioners shall find that Japhet brook is a tributary of Dickinson brook or that it is a tributary of Munn's brook and that Tillotson and Dickinson brooks are tributaries of Munn's brook and come together to form Munn's brook, then the taking and diversion of water from Japhet & Tillotson brooks is a taking and diversion of Munn's brook, and the petitioners request that damages be awarded to them for such diversion of Munn's brook.

The Commissioners declined to rule as requested on the second and third clauses, and as to the first request, the Commissioners rule that there was an actual diversion of the water from Tillotson and Japhet brooks, but do not so rule, because of the failure of the respondent to

file in the Registry of Deeds a "taking".

The respondent made the following request for rulings.

1. The town of Westfield has taken, under chapter 342 of the Acts of the year 1895, only 2,026,000 gallons per day of the waters of Tillotson and Japhet brooks; being the amount which it might divert by the fourteen inch main which it has laid from its present reservoir upon Tillotson brook.
2. The town has not taken the whole of the waters of Japhet and Tillotson brooks.
3. The town has not taken the waters of Munn's brook, as described in said act.

The Commissioners declined to rule as requested on the first two clauses of the respondent's prayer and ruled as requested on the third clause.

Said Commissioners find that the respondent has taken so much of Tillotson's brook as lies above the intake dam, and so much of Japhet's brook as lies above the point of the intake.

And said Commissioners also find that the respondent has not taken any other waters.

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

Respectfully represents your petitioner, The Foster Machine Company, a corporation duly established by law, and having a place of business in Westfield in said county.

That the inhabitants of the town of Westfield, a municipal corporation in said county, acting by its Board of Water Commissioners by virtue and in execution of the power and authority vested in it by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by chapter 342 of the Acts of the year 1895, has taken and holds the waters of Tillotson brook and other brooks in Granville, in said county, and the waters which flow into and from the same within the limits of said Granville, and the water rights connected with said water sources, and have withdrawn and diverted said waters all within three years next prior to the date of this petition.

That your petitioner is the owner of certain lands on Broad street and on the banks of Little river in said Westfield, and on which lands are certain mills and factories. And that it is the owner of a certain dam, water powers and privileges in said Little river, and that said waters taken, held, withdrawn and diverted, as aforesaid, have until such taking, withholding and diversion run into said Little river and flowed without interruption in said Little river by said lands as afore-

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said.

Said waters so diverted and taken were used by your petitioner with the waters of said river in producing power used by it in its said mills and factories and for other purposes, and were of great value to your petitioner and contributed in large amount to the value of its said lands and buildings used and occupied in its business.

Your petitioner avers that by the taking, holding, withdrawing and diverting of said waters, as aforesaid, it has been much damaged and that its lands and buildings have been greatly reduced in value.

Your petitioner further represents that it is unable to agree with the said town of Westfield upon the amount of such damages, and therefore prays that the same may be ascertained and determined by your Honorable Board, and for such orders and decrees in the premises as law and justice may require.

Dated February 17, 1900.

Foster Machine Co. by C. K. Lambson, Pres.

A. F. Lilley atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court-house in Springfield in said county, on Wednesday the second day of May then next, at 9.30 o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said Petition and this order thereon to be served upon the said town of Westfield thirty days at least before the said second day of May that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the June meeting, in the year nineteen hundred, when the petitioner filed the following motion to amend said petition, to wit: Hampden county, to wit:-

Foster Machine Company

vs.

Inhabitants of town of Westfield.

To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of said county of Hampden:

And now come the petitioner in the above entitled cause and move for leave to amend its petition for the assessment of damages heretofore filed with said Commissioners, by inserting next after the second paragraph therein, the following:-

"That by the terms of said act said town is empowered to take and hold from time to time, in addition to the waters of said Tillotson brook and said other brooks already taken, withdrawn and diverted as aforesaid, any or all of the waters of Munn's brook in said Granville and the waters of any streams, springs and water sources within the watershed of said Munn's brook and its tributaries and confluents, which waters ordinarily and if not withdrawn and diverted from their usual and natural courses flow into Little river, hereinafter mentioned."

And by inserting just before the last paragraph in said petition the following:-

*And that by the existence of the power conferred upon said town by said Act to take and hold any or all of the waters of said Munn's brook and the waters of any streams, springs and water sources within the watershed of said brook and its tributaries and confluents, and also the waters of any ponds springs, streams, artesian or driven wells or filter galleries within the limits of said town of Westfield and the water rights and water sources connected therewith, in addition to the waters already taken, as aforesaid, and by the future exercise of said town of said power they have suffered and will suffer further and future damage in their said rights, property, privileges, lands and buildings.

Foster Machine Co. by A. F. Lilley, its atty.

Which said motion was allowed. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now the commissioners make the following award, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 10th, 1900

On the foregoing petition, it appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners met the parties at the court-house, Springfield, on the second day of May, in the year 1900, when the petitioners appeared by their attorney, Alfred F. Lilley, and the respondent appeared by its attorney, Arthur S. Kneil, and the case was continued from time to time until the tenth day of December, 1900, and having fully heard the parties, said County Commissioners do now award and determine that the said town of Westfield pay to the said Foster Machine Company, the sum of Three thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and fifty-three cents, (\$3333.53) the same being in full compensation for all damages incurred by the said petitioner by reason of the acts of said defendant as described by said petitioner.

The petitioner made the following request for rulings:-

1. Inasmuch as the respondents have never filed a "taking" in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds as required by Chap. 342 Stat. 1895, actual diversion of water from Tillotson & Japhet brooks is the "taking" of those brooks and not merely of such an amount of water as will flow through a 14 inch pipe.
2. Inasmuch as there has been no formal taking filed in the registry of deeds as required by law, and inasmuch as water has been actually taken by diversion, the petitioners must recover in this action all prospective as well as present damages caused by the taking or probable taking of water under authority of Chap. 342, Stat. 1895.
3. If the Commissioners shall find that Japhet brook is a tributary of Dickinson brook or that it is a tributary of Munn's brook and that Tillotson and Dickinson brooks are tributaries of Munn's brook and come together to form Munn's brook, then the taking and diversion of water from Japhet & Tillotson brooks is a taking and diversion of Munn's brook,

and the petitioners request that damages be awarded to them for such diversion of Munn's brook.

The Commissioners declined to rule as requested on the second and third clauses, and as to the first request, the Commissioners rule that there was an actual diversion of the water from Tillotson and Japhet brooks, but do not so rule, because of the failure of the respondent to file in the Registry of Deeds a "taking".

The respondent made the following request for rulings.-

1. The town of Westfield has taken, under chapter 342 of the Acts of the year 1895, only 2,026,000 gallons per day of the waters of Tillotson and Japhet brooks; being the amount which it might divert by the fourteen inch main which it has laid from its present reservoir upon Tillotson brook.
2. The town has not taken the whole of the waters of Japhet and Tillotson brooks.
3. The town has not taken the waters of Munn's brook, as described in said act.

The Commissioners declined to rule as requested on the first two clauses of the respondent's prayer and ruled as requested on the third clause.

Said Commissioners find that the respondent has taken so much of Tillotson's brook as lies above the intake dam, and so much of Japhet's brook as lies above the point of the intake.

And said Commissioners also find that the respondent has not taken any other waters.

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainard	

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To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden.-

Respectfully represents Frank M. Osden of Westfield, in said county.

That the inhabitants of the town of Westfield, a municipal corporation in said county, acting by its board of Water Commissioners by virtue and in execution of the power and authority vested in it by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by chapter 342 of the Acts of the year 1895, has taken and holds the waters of Tillotson brook and other brooks in Granville, in said county, and the waters which flow into and from the same within the limits of said Granville, and the water rights connected with said water sources, and have withdrawn and diverted said waters all within three years next prior to the date of this petition.

That your petitioner is the owner of certain lands in that part of Westfield called Mundale and on the banks of Munn's brook, so-called, and that he is the owner of a certain dam, water power and water privi-

leges in said brook, and that said waters taken, held, withdrawn and diverted, as aforesaid, have, until said taking, withholding and diversion, run into and with said Munn's brook and flowed without interruption by said lands, as aforesaid.

Said waters so diverted and taken were used by your petitioner for domestic purposes, and also for producing power, and were of great value to your petitioner, and contributed in large amount to the value of his said lands.

Your petitioner avers that by the taking, holding and diverting of said waters, as aforesaid, that he has been much damaged and his lands have been greatly reduced in value.

Your petitioner represents that he is unable to agree with said town of Westfield upon the amount of such damages, and therefore, prays that the same may be ascertained and determined by your Honorable Board, and for such orders and decrees in the premises as law and justice may require.

Dated at Westfield, Mass., March 14, 1900.

Frank M. Osden, Petitioner.

A. F. Lilley, Atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, when it was ordered, that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court-house in Springfield, in said county, on Wednesday the second day of May then next, at 9.30 o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon the said town of Westfield thirty days at least before the said second day of May that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the June meeting, in the year nineteen hundred, when the petitioner filed a motion to amend said petition, to wit:- County of Hampden, to wit:-

Frank M. Osden vs. Inhabitants of town of Westfield
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:-

And now comes the petitioner in the above entitled cause and moves to amend his petition before the said Honorable Board for the assessment of water damages, by inserting immediately preceding the last paragraph of his said petition the following additional paragraph:

And your petitioner further avers that under the said chapter 342 of the Acts of 1895, the said inhabitants of the town of Westfield are empowered to take and hold other means of water supply than those already now taken and held by said town, as aforesaid, and that the taking and holding of said other means of water supply, as permitted under said chapter 342, section 1, may completely absorb and render useless all the petitioner's present water privileges to the further great damage of the petitioner.

Frank M. Osden by A. F. Lilley his atty.

Which said motion was allowed. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now the Commissioners make the following award, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 10th, 1900.

On the foregoing petition, it appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners met the parties at the courthouse, Springfield, on the second day of May, in the year 1900, when the petitioners appeared by their attorney, Alfred F. Lilley, and the respondent appeared by its attorney, Arthur S. Kneil, and the case was continued from time to time until the tenth day of December, 1900, and having fully heard the parties, said County Commissioners do now award and determine that the said town of Westfield pay to the said Frank M. Osden the sum of Five hundred thirty-seven dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$ 537.67), the same being in full compensation for all damages incurred by the said petitioner by reason of the acts of said defendant as described by said petitioner.

The petitioner made the following request for rulings:-

1. Inasmuch as the respondents have never filed a "taking" in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds as required by Chap. 342 Stat. 1895, actual diversion of water from Tillotson & Japhet brooks is the "taking" of those brooks and not merely of such an amount of water as will flow through a 14 inch pipe.
2. Inasmuch as there has been no formal taking filed in the registry of deeds as required by law, and inasmuch as water has been actually taken by diversion, the petitioners must recover in this action all prospective as well as present damages caused by the taking or probable taking of water under authority of Chap. 342, Stat. 1895.
3. If the Commissioners shall find that Japhet brook is a tributary of Dickinson brook or that it is a tributary of Munn's brook and that Tillotson and Dickinson brooks are tributaries of Munn's brook and come together to form Munn's brook, then the taking and diversion of water from Japhet & Tillotson brooks is a taking and diversion of Munn's brook, and the petitioners request that damages be awarded to them for such diversion of Munn's brook.

The Commissioners declined to rule as requested on the second and third clauses, and as to the first request, the Commissioners rule that there was an actual diversion of the water from Tillotson and Japhet brooks, but do not so rule, because of the failure of the respondent to file in the Registry of Deeds a "taking".

The respondent made the following request for rulings.

1. The town of Westfield has taken, under chapter 342 of the Acts of the year 1895, only 2,026,000 gallons per day of the waters of Tillotson and Japhet brooks; being the amount which it might divert by the fourteen inch main which it has laid from its present reservoir upon Tillotson brook.

2. The town has not taken the whole of the waters of Japhet and Tillotson brooks.

3. The town has not taken the waters of Munn's brook, as described in said act.

The Commissioners declined to rule as requested on the first two clauses of the respondent's prayer and ruled as requested on the third clause.

Said Commissioners find that the respondent has taken so much of Tillotson's brook as lies above the intake dam, and so much of Japhet's brook as lies above the point of the intake.

And said Commissioners also find that the respondent has not taken any other waters.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

To the Honorable Commissioners of the county of Hampden, State of
Massachusetts.

We the undersigned citizens of the town of Blandford in said Hampden county hereby represent that public necessity and convenience require that your Honorable body locate and lay a public highway in said Blandford commencing at a point near and southerly of the old house of James Waters deceased, thence easterly and southerly past the dwelling-house of Andrew Curtis to Russell mountain road so-called, and that the road now existing, from the commencement of the desired road to Russell line be discontinued and we request your Honorable body to view the road desired and the now existing road and grant the prayer of your petitioners and as in duty bound would ever pray.

Blandford Mass. May 1st, 1900.

J. E. Cooney	}	Selectmen of Blandford and others, Petitioners.
S. H. Bodurtha		
A. W. Lloyd		

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Selectmen of Blandford
et als. Petrs. for
new location and dis-
continuance of high-
ways in Blandford.

Erwin D. Avery et als.
Petr. for private
way in Chicopee known
as Richmond St. to be
laid out as a public
way.

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Book of Plans II,
page 103.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the county of Hampden,
GREETING:-

Respectfully represent the undersigned, Erwin D. Avery of Somers, Connecticut, Rogette D. Earle and Ella M. Hathaway of Chicopee, in said county, that the public safety and convenience require that the private way in said Chicopee, known as Richmond street be laid out as a public way.

Further represent the petitioners hereto that on April 2, 1900, they requested in writing of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Chicopee that such public way be laid out, but that said Board of Aldermen has unreasonably refused and neglected to lay out the same.

Further represent your petitioners that they are owners of land on said Richmond street and that said street is very largely used by the travelling public, and that the city of Chicopee has laid a main drain or common sewer in said street and has made other use thereof, and that they are aggrieved by the refusal of the Board of Aldermen aforesaid to lay out such street as a public way.

Wherefore your petitioners respectfully pray that your Honorable Board cause said Richmond street to be laid out as a public way in the manner provided by law.

Said street is located in the village of Chicopee Falls and connects the highway known as Hilton street with East Main street.

Erwin D. Avery and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting October 30th, 1900.

On the petition of Erwin D. Avery and others, praying for a highway to be laid out in the city of Chicopee. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 28th day of September A. D. 1900, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be laid out, and did further adjudge that the Board of Aldermen of said city of Chicopee did unreasonably refuse and neglect to lay out said highway. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners now lay out said highway in the manner following:-

Beginning at a stone monument at the intersection of the southerly side of Main street with the westerly side of said new highway (known as Richmond street,) and thence running southerly on the westerly side of said Richmond street at an angle of 98° 04' with the southerly side of said Main street three hundred ninety-four and thirty-five one-hundredths

(394.35) feet to a stone monument; thence southerly at an angle of $168^{\circ} 27' 30''$ with the last described line two hundred eleven and sixty-one one-hundredths (211.61) feet to a stone monument. The above described line being the westerly line of said street. Said street is laid out forty-five (45) feet in width, said easterly line being parallel with and forty-five feet easterly from the above described line. A plan of said layout is filed herewith and made a part of this decree.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the 10th day of November next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated that there are no damages; therefore none are awarded.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said city of Chicopee shall on or before the twenty-fourth day of November, 1900, complete and finish the same, so that the same shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. The whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, October 30th, 1900.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts.

Your petitioners, citizens and taxpayers of the town of Agawam, said county and state, respectfully petition and pray your honorable board:-

Whereas, the public highway in said town of Agawam, leading from the west end of the "Agawam Bridge", so-called, and running due south through the centre of said town to the Connecticut State Line, being the line of highway upon which, it is alleged, the Selectmen of said town have granted to the Springfield Street Railway Company, a corporation having a usual place of business at Springfield in said county, a franchise to construct, maintain and operate an electric street railway; and

Whereas, said corporation has laid out its proposed line of railway, the location of which has caused many changes in the general course of said highway, and inconveniences in the general conduct of travel; and

Whereas, said highway is now and for a long time has been in a

J. L. Hubbard et als.
Petr. for relocation
of highway in Agawam.

state of bad repair, at certain points; also, that the present bounds of said highway do not meet the requirements of the general public since the laying out and location of the tracks of said electric railway, both as to the highway proper, and in violation of the rights and the necessary sidewalk easements and privileges of abutting owners; more particularly, over a portion of said highway from a point known as the intersection of the "Brady Road", so-called, with said highway at a point opposite the residence of Mr. Jerre Adams south to the Connecticut State Line.

That your petitioners have repeatedly called the attention of the Chairman and Board of Selectmen of said town of Agawam to the facts set forth in this petition, and have requested said Board to grant the necessary relief prayed for in said petition to your petitioners. That said Board has ever refused to grant said relief, and do now refuse to grant any relief or to take any action in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE,- Your petitioners respectfully pray that your Honorable Board will cause said portion of the highway to be relaid, and such improvements to be made upon that portion, to wit:- from the intersection of said "Brady Road", so-called, to the Connecticut State Line, as shall meet the present requirements of and urgent needs of the general travelling public and the abutting owners upon said highway, and for such other and further relief as to your Honorable Board may seem meet. Dated, Agawam, Mass. September 10th, 1900.

J. L. Hubbard and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county of the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Contract awarded
Charles A. Wright for
furnishing Jail and
House of Correction
with provisions.

October 3, 1900.

Contract awarded Charles A. Wright for furnishing the Jail and the House of Correction with provisions for the year ensuing.

Corned beef, per 100 lbs. \$ 3.95

Salt pork, seven and three-fourths cents, per lb.

November 13, 1900.

Lydia M. Tanner of Springfield, Assistant Register of Deeds, appears and is sworn and gives bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office, with Robert O. Morris and Dwight O. Gilmore as sureties, which bond is approved.

Lydia M. Tanner,
Assistant Register of
Deeds, sworn in.

Commission.

I, James R. Wells of Springfield, Hampden county, Massachusetts, Register of Deeds for said Hampden county, do hereby under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in chapter twenty-four (24) of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth appoint Lydia M. Tanner of said Springfield to be Assistant Register of Deeds for said county of Hampden. Dated at Springfield the 13th day of November, 1900.

James R. Wells.

Nov. 13, 1900. Approved:

Elisha B. Maynard, Justice of Superior Court.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

November 13th, 1900.

Personally appeared Lydia M. Tanner and took and subscribed the oaths prescribed by the Constitution of this Commonwealth and a law of the United States, to qualify her to discharge the duties of the office of Assistant Register of Deeds, to which she is appointed, by the above Commission.

Before,

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

Copy of Bond.

Bond.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Lydia M. Tanner, as Principal, and we, Robert O. Morris and Dwight O. Gilmore, all of Springfield, county of Hampden, state of Massachusetts, are holden and firmly bound and obliged unto the said county of Hampden, Massachusetts, in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, to be paid to the said county of Hampden, to the payment of which we do bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this thirteenth day of November, A.D. 1900

THE CONDITION of this Obligation is such, that Whereas the said Lydia M. Tanner has been duly appointed ASSISTANT REGISTER OF DEEDS, for said county of Hampden, - NOW, if the said Lydia M. Tanner shall faithfully discharge the duties of said office, then the above Obligation shall be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered	Lydia M. Tanner and seal.
in presence of	Robert O. Morris and seal.
E. A. McClintock to D. O. G.	Dwight O. Gilmore and seal.
Laura B. Clemons to L.M.T. & R.O.M.	

Approved:	J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
	J. M. Sickman	
	W. H. Brainerd	

James R. Wells
elected Register of
Deeds.

December 5th, 1900.

The votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Hampden being examined and counted, it appears that James R. Wells of Springfield has thirteen thousand one hundred and ninety votes, John Sharrocks of Springfield has eight thousand two hundred and twenty votes, Alva E. Fenton of Springfield has seven hundred and three votes and Michael J. O'Connor of Holyoke has nine hundred and ninety-two votes. The said James R. Wells of Springfield having the highest number of votes is declared to be elected.

M. Wells Bridge
elected
County Treasurer.

December 5th, 1900.

The votes for County Treasurer having been examined and counted on the same day, it appears that George D. Eldredge of Chicopee has nine thousand four hundred and ninety-one votes, Max H. Tiedemann of Holyoke has five hundred and forty-one votes, Anna Schulze of Springfield has five hundred and fifteen votes, M. Wells Bridge of Springfield has thirteen thousand and one votes and Fred Sibley of West Springfield has one vote. The said M. Wells Bridge of Springfield having the highest number of votes is declared to be elected.

Order to pay State
Treasurer on State
Highway account.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 10th, 1900.

Voted, that M. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized and directed to pay the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on State Highway account seven thousand nine hundred and sixty-three dollars and eighty-seven cents, being,-

Balance of assessment for 1897,	\$ 3,793.80
One year's interest on same @ 3% from Dec. 10, 1899,	113.81 \$ 3,907.61
For 1898 assessment,	3,932.39
Interest from Nov. 22, 1899 to Dec. 10, 1900,	123.87 \$ 4,056.26
	\$ 7,963.87

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

October Meeting 1900.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

The County Commissioners for the county of Hampden, having viewed and carefully examined throughout, the highway in Blandford in said county, located and ordered upon the petition of Moses Tougas et al., and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, we do hereby accept the same.

Witness our hands this 11th day of December A.D. 1900.

J. H. Hendrick }
J. M. Sickman } County
W. H. Brainerd } Commissioners.

Acceptance of highway
in Blandford on peti-
tion of Moses Tougas
et al.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, December 14th, 1900

To M. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of Hampden county:-

You are hereby authorized to transfer from the funds in your hands as Treasurer, appropriated for the reduction of the county debt, to your account as treasurer of the Sinking Fund of said county, the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$ 25,000.) and to hold the same subject to order from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said county.

J. H. Hendrick }
J. M. Sickman } County Commissioners
W. H. Brainerd } of Hampden county.

Order to Transfer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, December 14th, 1900.

To M. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of Hampden county:-

You are hereby authorized to purchase for the Sinking Fund of Hampden county, at par, not more than fifty-two (52) Hampden county bonds, of one Thousand (1000) Dollars each, with accrued interest.

J. H. Hendrick }
J. M. Sickman } Commissioners of Hampden county
W. H. Brainerd } Sinking Fund.

Order to purchase
Hampden county bonds.

William Leach released
from truant school
on parole.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 22d, 1900.
To all persons to whom these presents shall come:- GREETING:-

WHEREAS it appears to said Commissioners, after due notice having been given as required by law, that it will be for the best interest of William Leach, of Holyoke, in said county, a child committed to the Hampden County Truant School, upon the complaint of Thomas W. Doyle, of said Holyoke, to be at liberty,-

It is now ordered that the said William Leach be permitted to go on his parole during the remainder of his said sentence.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Acceptance of high-
ways in Agawam, on
Petition of Hartford
& Connecticut Western
Railroad Co.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden, ss.
The County Commissioners for the county of Hampden, having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highways in Agawam in said county, called crossings Nos. 8, 9, 10 11, and 12 located and ordered upon the petition of the Hartford and Connecticut Western Railroad Co. and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the decree of the Commissioners thereon filed Nov. 12, 1889 and the amended decree filed Feb. 7, 1899, we do hereby accept the same.

Witness our hands this twenty-sixth day of December A.D. 1900.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Land Damages.

\$ 795.

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of seven hundred and ninety-five dollars, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury. To

Edward Hallez on petition of H. E. W. Clark et als.	\$ 100.
H. E. W. Clark	50.
Samuel Closson on petition of Mark Noble et als.	150.
Owen Duffy	20.
Wilson Tucker	375.
M. S. Phelps' estate on petition of Moses Tougas et als.	80.
Frank Kenney	20.

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The sum of five hundred and seventy-one dollars and fifty-five cents is allowed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Allowance for damages
done to sheep.

Sundry accounts being presented are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-four dollars and twenty-four cents are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Accounts.
\$ 18,974.24

December 14th, 1900.

Judgment is entered up according to reports, &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris

Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty-sixth day of said month, and on the twenty-ninth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

Present, Joel H. Hendrick, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
James M. Sickman, Esq.	
William H. Brainerd, Esq.	

And by adjournment on the second and eleventh days of January and on the sixth and nineteenth days of February, and on the sixth and twenty-sixth days of March and on the third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

Present, James M. Sickman, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
William H. Brainerd, Esq.	
Joel H. Hendrick, Esq.	

Joel H. Hendrick of Springfield, having been declared by the Board of Examiners, elected County Commissioner for the term of three years, and having been duly sworn, appears on said second day of January, and the Board, consisting of Joel H. Hendrick, James M. Sickman, and William H. Brainerd, Esquires proceed to the choice of a chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three, of which James M. Sickman, Esq. has two and is chosen chairman of the Board for the year ensuing.

S. N. Bennett et als.
Petrs. to have highway in Agawam located and bounded.

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Book of plans, II,
Pages 109-115.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

The undersigned citizens of the town of Agawam in said county, respectfully represent that public necessity and convenience require that the public highway which runs westerly from Main St. in said Agawam at a point opposite the residence of G. H. Huntington and continues in a southwesterly direction to the intersection of the stage road near the George Fowler wood lot, be located and bounded.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that you will view the premises and take such action as in your judgment the public necessity and convenience require.

Agawam, Mass. Sept. 5, 1900.

S. N. Bennett and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, December 29th, 1900.

On the petition of S. N. Bennett and others, praying for a highway to be relocated in Agawam. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the eleventh day of October A. D. 1900, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners gave due notice as the law directs.

And now said Commissioners relocate said highway in the manner following: Beginning at a stone bound on the westerly side of Agawam street and 283.1 ft. northerly of a brown stone monument on said westerly side of said Agawam street and running thence N. 57° W. four hundred and eight and seventy-five hundredths (408.75) feet to a stone bound near the house of S. N. Bennett; thence N. 64° 24' W. eight hundred and sixteen and forty-five hundredths (816.45) feet to a stone bound; thence N. 48° 50' W. eight hundred and fifty-one and forty-six hundredths (851.46) feet to a stone bound; thence N. 64° 45' W. three hundred and fourteen and seven tenths (314.7) feet to a stone bound; thence by a curve to the left radius one hundred and twenty-eight and fifty-eight hundredths (128.58) feet arc one hundred and ninety-three and ninety-seven hundredths (193.97) feet to a stone bound; thence S. 28° 49' W. two hundred and seventy-six and fifteen hundredths (276.15) feet to a stone bound; thence by a curve to the right radius five hundred and ninety-eight and sixty-nine hundredths (598.69) feet arc three hundred and eighty-four and eighty-seven hundredths (384.87) feet to a stone bound; thence S. 65° 39' W. nine hundred twenty-seven and sixty-seven hundredths (927.67) feet to a stone bound; thence S. 52° 17' W. six hundred sixty-one and fifty-six hundredths (661.56) feet to a stone bound; thence crossing the Suffield Road S. 60° 35' W. seven hundred and thirty-five and forty-two hundredths (735.42) feet to a stone bound nearly opposite the house of John Decorie; thence S. 70° 45' W. nine hundred ninety-one and twenty-one hundredths (991.21) feet to a stone bound; thence S. 54° 59' W. one thousand sixty-two and seventy-nine hundredths (1062.79) feet to a stone bound; thence S. 68° 14' W. five hundred forty-five and eighty-six hundredths (545.86) feet to a stone bound near the house of E. L. Miller; thence N. 84° 56' W. six hundred fifty-six and three hundredths (656.03) feet to a stone bound; thence S. 83° 01' W. five hundred and five and seventy-two hundredths (505.72) feet to a stone bound thence S. 72° 21' W. three hundred seventy-nine and six hundredths (379.06) feet to a stone bound on the southerly side of the road to Woolen Mill.

The above description is for the southerly or left hand side of said road and the northerly side is parallel and fifty (50) feet northerly therefrom.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of May next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:

To S. N. Bennett, \$ 40.00

H. W. Austin, 40.00

To be paid to them out of the County Treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Agawam shall, on or before the first day of September 1901, complete and finish the same, so that sixteen feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:- All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid, and so shaped that the centre shall be six (6) inches higher than the sides by a circular, curved surface; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level, or a regularly inclined plane.

Bridges shall be constructed of stone or wood; drains and sluices shall be of the same material and of sufficient capacity at all places necessary for conducting away the water. Six (6) inches on the surface of the whole part to be travelled upon shall consist of gravel or other material which shall be permanently hard; and durable stone or iron monuments shall be placed at each end, and at each angle, in said described line. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the sides shall not exceed one foot perpendicular, to one and one half feet horizontal. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

A plan of said relocation is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, December 29th A.D. 1900

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

We the undersigned citizens of the town of Blandford hereby represent that public necessity and convenience require that a new road be located and laid from near the house of the late James Waters past the house of A. W. Cortis to the Russell Mountain Road, so-called, said desired road being partly in the town of Blandford and partly in the town of Russell, and that the present road from the junction of the said new road with the Russell Mountain Road so-called, being also partly in town of Blandford and partly in town of Russell be discontinued and we request your honorable body to view the said road and grant the prayer of the petitioners and as in duty bound would ever pray.

Blandford, Mass. Oct. 27th, 1900.

J. E. Cooney	}	Selectmen of Blandford and others, Petitioners.
S. H. Bodurtha		
A. W. Lloyd		

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Dec. 11th, 1900.

On the petition of J. E. Cooney and others praying for a highway to be laid out and a highway to be discontinued in the towns of Blandford and Russell. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein, had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the first day of December A.D. 1900 view said highways, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highways should be laid out and discontinued. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners lay out said highway in the manner following: Beginning at a stone bound on the easterly side of the present highway in said Blandford southerly from the house of James Waters deceased, thence running north 73° east three hundred and eighty-six (386) feet to a stone bound; thence north 87° east four hundred and sixty (460) feet to a stone bound; thence south 50° east four hundred and fifty-eight (458) feet to a stone bound; thence south 32° east three hundred and eighty-seven (387) feet to a stone bound; thence south 11° east two hundred and ninety-seven (297) feet to a stone bound; thence south 34° east one hundred and ten (110) feet to a stone bound on the southerly side of the present highway in said town of Russell. Said highway is laid out fifty (50) feet wide northerly and easterly of the line described.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of January next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. No damages being asked none

Selectmen of Blandford
et als. Petrs. for
relocation and dis-
continuance of high-
ways in Blandford and
Russell.

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are awarded.

The present highway is discontinued from the first described bound in the town of Blandford to the stone bound described as on the southerly side of the present highway in said town of Russell.

A plan of said location is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

J. H. Hendrick	}	County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman		
W. H. Brainerd		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. Dec. 26, A.D. 1900.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

Jason Butler et als.
Petr. for relocation
of Boston Road in
North Wilbraham.

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Book of Plans, III
Pages 2 & 3.

Wilbraham, Oct. 24, 1900.

To the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

We the undersigned citizens of the town of Wilbraham in said county respectfully represent that the highway known as the Boston road running through the village of North Wilbraham from a point near the northwest corner of W. L. Collins house lot westerly to a point near the house of Bernard Lynch is ill-defined and your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board will view said road and relocate and monument the same and take such other action as to you may seem proper.

Jason Butler and others, Petitioners.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, April 3d, 1901

On the petition of Jason Butler and others, praying for a highway to be relocated and monumented in the town of Wilbraham. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the tenth day of december, A.D. 1900, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated and monumented, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the eleventh day of March, 1901, as the time when they would proceed to relocate said highway, and gave due notice as the law directs.

And now said Commissioners relocate said highway in the manner following:- Beginning at a stone bound at the end of the old location and on the southerly side of the road to be described, and running thence

on a continuation of the southerly side of the old location S. 89° 10' W. one hundred and fifty-one and thirty-eight hundredths (151.38) feet to a stone bound near the westerly line of the Hollister place; thence, running S. 63° 16' W. eleven hundred and twenty-four and eleven hundredths (1124.11) feet to a stone bound; thence, by a curve to the right with a radius of five hundred and twenty-eight and thirty-four hundredths (528.34) feet an arc of two hundred and eighty-six and forty-seven hundredths (286.47) feet to a stone bound.

The above description is for the southerly side of the road, and the northerly side is parallel to and fifty (50) feet northerly therefrom. Stone bounds are set on both sides of the above location.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of May next to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To estate of W. L. Collins,	\$ 105.00
Charles Fuller,	20.00
Augustus Friend,	50.00

The above amounts, and all other costs, expenses and damages arising by reason of the taking of said land for said relocation, to be paid by the said town of Wilbraham.

When it shall be made to appear to the said County Commissioners that all land damages, costs and expenses have been fully adjusted and paid by said town, then there shall be paid from the county to the said town of Wilbraham the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

A plan of said relocation is filed herewith and made a part of this decree.

J. M. Sickman	} County
W. H. Brainerd	
J. H. Hendrick	

Commissioners.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, April 3d, 1901.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden:-

The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Agawam respectfully represent that there is a highway known as Bridge street in said town, running from the school building in Mittineague village, to Front street in the town of West Springfield. That a portion of said highway is maintained jointly by the towns of West Springfield and Agawam. That

Selectmen of Agawam,
Peters. for the repair
of Bridge St. in Agawam

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said portion of highway is not in proper repair for the safety and convenience of the travelling public, and that the town of West Springfield refuses to take any action regarding the repair of the same, Wherefore we by authority of a vote of said town of Agawam, respectfully petition your Board to view said highway and take such action as may seem best to your honorable body, regarding the repair of the same.

Agawam, Mass. Nov. 5th, 1900.

Henry E. Bodurtha	}	Selectmen of Agawam, Petitioners.
John H. Reed		
James F. Barry		

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said county on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and was continued to this meeting, and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following decree, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, February 19th, 1901.

On the petition of Selectmen of the town of Agawam praying for a highway to be repaired in Agawam,- It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the eleventh day of December, A.D. 1900, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that specific repairs should be made on said highway. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners now order the towns of Agawam and West Springfield to make specific repairs consisting of a two span deck bridge in accordance with the plans and specifications hereto annexed and made a part of this order. The expense of bridge and the repairs on the pier to be borne jointly by said towns. Each town to bear expense of additions to the abutments and approaches, which may be necessary in its town. And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said towns of Agawam and West Springfield, shall on or before the first day of October, nineteen hundred and one, complete and finish the same, and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, February 19th A.D. 1901

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S.

for a Two Span Riveted Truss Deck Bridge between West Springfield and
Agawam, Mass. at Mitteneague.

Jas. M. Sickman, Wm. H. Brainerd, J. H. Hendrick, County Commissioners.
Collins & Norton, Consulting Engineers.

Specifications.

Old bridge.

Take down and remove the old bridge and pile same near the location at such point as the Committee in charge shall designate.

New structure.

The entire structure will be as shown on the drawings, attached consisting of two spans and are hereby made a part of these specifications.
Roadway.

The roadway will be made of transverse floorbeams, connected to the trusses and extending out on each side of trusses to form supports for sidewalk brackets. Between the floorbeams will run longitudinal steel stringers, properly spaced for the loads, and on these on the roadway will be laid two layers of plank.

Camber.

The roadway shall be cambered transversely so that the center shall be two inches higher than at the gutters. The roadway floor at the center pier shall be six inches above the grade at the abutment, to form a uniform curve from same. The bottom chord of bridge at the center pier shall be cambered two feet and six inches (2' 6"), as shown on plan to a true circle.

Lumber.

The lower layer of plank shall be laid at right angles to the stringers and shall be laid with the planks one half an inch apart and shall be three inch "prime" hard pine. This plank shall be planed on one side to even thickness. The top or wearing surface shall be Nos. 1 and 2 two inch plank laid diagonally of spruce, planed one side to even thickness.

Floor laying.

All planks shall be properly spiked down to spiking pieces of "prime" hard pine, the three inch lower layer on roadway to have six inch wire spikes, two to each end and one at each other bearing. The two inch layer on roadway to be spiked to lower with 30d. nails. The sidewalk plank shall be "clear" hard pine, from 6" to 8" wide, planed on sap side to 1 7/8 thick.

Guard rails.

The guard rails shall be of yellow pine and are to be thoroughly secured to the under layer of plank. The guard rails are to be protected their entire length by 3" x 4" x 3/8" angle iron laid on the edge of the guard rail and secured to it by countersunk head bolts, about eighteen inches apart.

Fence railings.

The fences shall be substantially as shown on the drawing and shall

be carefully lined up and braced at proper intervals to keep them firm and in line.

Painting.

All metal work shall be thoroughly scraped free from all loose scale and dirt and painted one coat over all before shipping, two coats being put on to parts coming together in riveting or on parts inaccessible after erection. After erection all parts from which the paint has been scraped or on which any bare spots show, shall be touched up with the same paint as first coat at shop. After erection a final coat shall be put on in a thorough and workmanlike manner and of a color and composition as may be decided by the Engineer. The paint used in the shop shall be of a brand approved by the Engineer. No work shall leave the shop until the paint on it shall have dried sufficiently to prevent the sticking to it of cinders deposited during transit.

Punching.

The diameter of the punch shall not exceed by more than one-sixteenth of an inch the diameter of the rivets to be used and all holes must be clean cuts without torn or ragged edges.

Drift pins.

Rivet holes must be accurately spaced; the use of drift pins will only be allowed for bringing together the several parts forming a member and must not be driven with such force as to disturb the metal about the holes.

Built members.

Built members must when finished, be true and free from twists, kinks, buckles or open joints between component parts.

Stiffeners.

All girder or floor beam stiffeners shall fit perfectly to the flanges through which pressure may be transmitted to them or to which they transmit pressure.

Rivets.

The pitch of rivets in all classes of work shall never exceed six inches, nor sixteen times the thickness of the thinnest outside plate, nor less than three diameters of the rivet. The distance between the edge of any piece and the center of rivet hole must never be less than one and one-quarter inches, except for bars less than two and one-half inches wide. When practicable it shall be at least two diameters of the rivet used. Rivets must completely fill holes, have full heads concentric with the rivet, and in full contact with the surface, or to be countersunk when so required, and to be machine driven wherever practicable.

Rivet steel.

Rivet steel shall have an ultimate strength of from 48,000 to 58,000 pounds per square inch. Elastic limit not less than one-half the ultimate strength. Elongation 26%. Bending test, 180 degrees flat on itself, without fracture on outside of bent portion.

Field rivets.

Field driven rivets will be of iron, having an ultimate strength of 49,000 pounds per square inch. Minimum elongation of 20%. Elastic limit of 25,000 pounds per square inch. The iron to be ductile, fibrous and of uniform quality and rivets not to show cracks around the edges of heads when driven.

Bed plates.

on the pier suitable bed plates shall be provided under the direction of the Engineer.

Roller bearings.

On each abutment, under each truss shall be placed suitable bed plates and a nest of turned machinery rollers each $3\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter, suitably connected and arranged so that they may be readily cleaned and so that they will not hold water. They must be so arranged that while the bridge may move toward its length, that it cannot be lifted or moved sidewise.

Stone bolts.

Suitable stone bolts shall be provided, set and attached to the bed plates and roller bearings, under the direction of the Engineer.

Structural steel.

All steel except for rivets and rods is to be "Medium Steel" made either by the open hearth or Bessemer process. Its ultimate strength to be from 60,000 to 70,000 pounds per square inch. Elastic limit not less than one-half its ultimate strength. Elongation 22%. Bending test 180 degrees to a diameter equal in thickness of piece tested, without fracture on outside of bent portion.

Cast iron.

Cast iron shall be tough, grey iron, free from injurious cold shuts or blowholes, true to pattern and of a workmanlike finish. Sample pieces one inch square, cast from same heat of metal in sand moulds, shall be capable of sustaining, on a clear span of four feet and eight inches, a central load of 500 pounds when tested in the rough bar.

Tests.

All tests and inspections shall be made at the mill previous to the shipment. The tensile strength, limit of elasticity, and ductility shall be determined from test pieces cut from the finished material. Elongation shall be measured by an original length of the eight inches or an equivalent length in light material. Finished bars must be free from cracks, flaws or injurious seams and have a workmanlike finish. Steel shall not contain more than one-tenth of one per centum of phosphorus.

Inspection.

All proper facilities must be afforded by the Contractor to the Engineer or his authorized representative to the ascertaining whether or not all provisions of these specifications are being carried out, but the acceptance of material at any time during the progress of the

work does not bar the rights of the Committee to reject the same, should it afterward prove unfit for its intended use.

Workmanship.

All workmanship both in the shop and field shall be first class. It is intended that the entire structure shall be built as shown on the drawings, and wherever a question may arise the Contractor is to assume that the connections and details must be as strong as the pieces connected. The Contractor, to whom the contract shall be awarded, shall furnish to the Committee in charge of the work, before proceeding with the same, a complete set of working drawings, showing all details, and secure the approval of said Committee. No charges for extra work will be allowed under these specifications, unless same shall be granted in writing by the Committee in charge.

Pier.

Under each bearing point on the pier suitable granite bridge seats, with cut top and sides, shall be placed, and pinned or bonded to the present masonry in a satisfactory manner. At the base of the pier, it shall be strengthened by the addition of concrete, as shown in the general plan of bridge, if found necessary, or by such other method that shall meet the approval of the County Commissioners.

The interstices between the stones of the pier shall be cleaned where necessary, and same shall be thoroughly grouted with a grout made of neat Portland cement, wherever found necessary.

All joints in the pier shall be pointed and beaded by a mortar made of one part in bulk of freshly burned and ground hydraulic cement, equal in quality to the best brand of Portland cement, and two parts in bulk of clean, sharp sand, mixed according to the best practice.

Approaches.

The town of West Springfield and the town of Agawam shall provide good and suitable foundations, retaining walls and approaches to correspond in general with these specifications and the general plan of the bridge.

These specifications are filed with the decree of the County Commissioners dated February 19th, 1901, on petition No. 35 and made a part thereof.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

Bircham Bend Power Company, Springfield, Mass., Dec. 26th, 1900.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden.

Respectfully represent that the Bircham Bend Power Company has filed with your board for approval plans and specifications for a new dam which the said Company has erected across the Chicopee river at Bircham Bend, so-called, in the city of Chicopee.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that your board shall approve of said plans and specifications.

Bircham Bend Power Company,

Robert W. Day, Treas.

Description of work in rebuilding dam across Chicopee river at Bircham Bend, for the Bircham Bend Power Co.

The plans and sections submitted herewith shows the heights, depths and various dimensions of the work and the same was accurately followed by the engineer and superintendent of construction during the process of erection. All work was done by day's labor under the personal supervision of a competent superintendent, except the laying of the stone, which was done by contract, and the latter work was carefully inspected and passed upon as the same was done. All stone, cement and sand and other supplies and materials of whatsoever kind was bought and provided by the owners. This method of doing the work was selected by the owners in order that all materials might be of the best quality and that the utmost care might be exercised in the performance of the work.

No specifications in regular form were prepared since none were deemed necessary to the proper execution of the work under the system here adopted, so that it is not possible to file the same with the plans. In place thereof the following description has been made and prepared by the engineer to clearly set forth the character and quality of the work. Proper cribs and cofferdam was constructed above and around the original break in the dam, turning the water of the river through the head gates. A proper dam was also built across the river below the work and the water was pumped down sufficiently to expose the bed of the river on the line of the dam. Necessary excavations were made and a bottom suitable for the purpose and approved by the consulting engineer was obtained. Levels were taken and recorded and plan submitted was drawn corresponding to the depth of the work. Concrete mixed in the proportion of one part American Portland cement (Atlas brand) two parts clean sand and four parts of broken trap rock was spread over the full width of space occupied by masonry, in three courses each six inches thick, thoroughly tamped, to the height shown for footings. Concrete of the same composition was used for the footings under apron and wing walls. Masonry to the full width of the dam, including base of apron, was built up with quarried Monson granite, in courses thirty inches high, pointed and grouted with American Portland cement, in proportion of one part cement to two parts sand. The dam proper, above the platform prepared for the apron was built with full mortar joints with Monson granite

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and mortar in proportions above given. The apron in front of overflow and the masonry in the retaining wall was built in the same manner and thoroughness.

It was found after the water had been pumped out that the bed of the river in front of that part of the original dam, left standing, had been dug out and shaken by the action of water and ice. All loose and shaken rock and other material was removed from the end of the new work to the opposite bank of the river and a platform corresponding in width and character was built in front of the old dam to receive the proposed apron. The foundation of the new apron extending the full width of the river was laid with Portland cement concrete, substituting screened gravel and cobbles for broken trap rock, thoroughly rammed and formed to correspond with the outline of slope shown on plans. The bottom toe of apron consists of dimension blocks 2' 0" x 2' 0" x 6' 0" long, carefully set to line and grade and anchored at every joint well back into the body of the apron, with a shoulder cut on upper edge to receive facing of apron. The apron is faced and finished with one course of best vitrified brick, set on edge and carefully laid to line in full Portland cement mortar. The top face of the apron with proper pointing, was finished with two coats of strong cement wash, carefully and evenly applied.

The bottom of the feeder from the head gates to the point where power station will be built has been finished with broken stone concrete mixed in proportions previously mentioned to depth of eighteen inches, well rammed and smoothly trowelled off on top.

The entire work covered by these plans has been done in a careful and thorough manner under the personal supervision of an engineer and competent inspectors and the same is believed to be of first class character in every respect.

E. A. Ellsworth, Engineer.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said county on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, when the said petitioners filed their said plans and specifications of their proposed work which were duly approved and the Commissioners having inspected the work during its progress and it appearing that said plans and specifications have been faithfully adhered to, it is ordered that the same be recorded.

Springfield, Mass. January 11th, 1901.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

County Estimate.

Estimate by the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden of the receipts and expenditures of said county for the year ending Dec. 31, 1901. Also, statement showing the unappropriated balance in the county treasury at the closing of the treasurer's books for the year 1900.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

1. Interest,	\$ 2,500.00
2. Clerk of courts and registers of deeds,	11,000.00
4. Jails and houses of correction,	7,000.00
5. Fines, costs and fees,	6,000.00
7. Truant schools,	2,000.00
8. Miscellaneous,	100.00
	<u>\$ 28,600.00</u>

Statement showing estimated total amount available.

Balance in treasury at the closing of the treasurer's books for the year,	\$ 37,801.62
(a) Less special appropriation,	
(b) Less money held for dog account,	\$ 10,480.45
	<u>10,480.45</u>
Net balance in treasury, unappropriated,	27,321.17
Total estimated receipts as shown above,	<u>28,600.00</u>
Estimated total amount available for the year,	\$ 55,921.17

ITEMS.

Estimated expenditures for 1901.

1. Interest on county debt,	\$ 10,500.
2. Reduction of county debt,	35,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law,	13,500.
4. Clerical assistance in county offices,	15,000.
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts,	23,000.
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction,	26,000.
7. Criminal costs in superior court,	5,500.
8. Civil expenses in supreme and superior courts,	20,000.
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners	300.
11. Medical examiners, inquests and care of the insane,	5,000.
12. Auditors, masters and referees,	2,500.
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings,	12,000.
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction,	9,500.
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	14,200.
17. Law libraries,	2,500.
18. Truant schools,	6,000.
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses,	<u>5,000.</u>
Total,	\$ 205,500.

I T E M S.	Appropriation	Expenditures
	for 1900.	in 1900.
1. Interest on county debt,	12,000.	10,964.34
2. Reduction of county debt,	35,000.	35,000.
3. Salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law,	13,500.	12,927.75
4. Clerical assistance in county offices,	15,000.	12,308.05
5. Salaries and expenses, district and police courts,	23,000.	20,603.73
6. Salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction,	26,000.	21,337.27
7. Criminal costs in superior court,	5,000.	5,280.65
8. Civil expenses in supreme and superior courts,	20,000.	17,732.67
10. Transportation expenses of county and special commissioners,	300.	172.11
11. Medical examiners, inquests and care of the insane,	5,000.	4,301.50
12. Auditors, masters and referees,	1,500.	2,576.07
14. Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings,	15,000.	6,747.55
15. Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction,	9,500.	7,782.98
16. Highways, bridges and land damages,	12,000.	10,902.69
17. Law libraries,	2,500.	1,947.10
18. Truant schools,	6,200.	5,380.87
19. Miscellaneous and contingent expenses,	4,000.	4,442.58
Total,	205,500.	180,407.91

I T E M S.	Due and unpaid in 1900.
16. Highways, bridges and land damages, . . .	\$ 158.66
Total,	\$ 158.66

J. M. Sickman, Chairman.

Annual Report of
County Commissioners
for the year 1900.
Including Appraisal
of county property.

R E P O R T for 1900.

The fourth annual report of the County Commissioners, made under the provisions of chapter 153 of the statutes of 1897, referring the tax payers to the County Treasurer's report for specific details.

The following petitions were pending January 1st, 1900.

The petitions of C. A. Corser and others, David B. Furber and others, T. A. Rogers and others and H. S. Hyde and others, for a new highway between Westfield and West Springfield, were dismissed.

The petition of Seymour Sibley and others for widening of highway in Westfield was dismissed.

On the petition of Mark Noble and others, High, Mechanics, Thompson and Granite streets in Monson, have been relocated. Land damages were

awarded as follows:- To Edward Dalton \$150., John C. McGuire \$25., Eli Anderson \$60., Patrick Carroll \$25., J. H. Martin \$50., heirs of Geo. Burdick \$20., Mrs. Kate Mahoney \$50., Dennis Purcell \$20., Patrick Purcell \$30., Martha A. Stiles \$15., John Lynch \$25., Wm. Wills \$20., and H. P. Wetherell \$20., to be paid by the town of Monson. And to Samuel Closson \$150., Owen Duffy \$20., and Wilson Tucker \$375., to be paid from the county treasury.

On the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Ludlow we have located anew a highway in Ludlow, beginning at a stone bound on the northwesterly side of North street, near the house of one Smith, and running northwesterly past the houses of Eli DeForge, Peter Loungeway and Irwin Cooley to the Chicopee line. Land damages were awarded as follows:- To H. A. Storer \$150. and to John Bourcier \$35., to be paid from the county treasury.

Petitions have been presented to the County Commissioners during 1900 as follows:-

On the petition of Moses Tougas and others, a highway was laid out in Blandford, beginning at a stone bound on the northerly side of Stony Gutter road, - so-called, northerly from the house of D. H. DeGray, and running northeasterly on land of said DeGray, estate of M. S. Phelps and Frank Kenney, to a stone bound on line of highway leading to Russell. Land damages were awarded to the estate of M. S. Phelps in the sum of \$80. and to Frank Kenney \$20., to be paid from the county treasury, and said highway was ordered to be completed on or before the first day of December 1900. And having viewed and carefully examined said highway and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, we have accepted the same. And said Stony Gutter road was discontinued, beginning at a point near the house of said D. H. DeGray and running westerly to Second Division road, to a point near the house owned by Simeon Clark.

The Selectmen of Blandford and others filed a petition for location of highway in Blandford, commencing at a point near and southerly of the old house of James Waters, deceased, thence easterly and southerly past the dwelling-house of Andrew Curtis to Russell mountain road, so-called, and for the discontinuance of the road now existing from the commencement of the desired road to Russell line. After a view and hearing, said petition was dismissed.

On the petition of C. H. Hobbs and others, a portion of the highway leading from Three Rivers in Palmer to Springfield, and known as the Springfield road, was relocated. Land damages were awarded to Honora Dunn in the sum of \$180., to be paid by the town of Palmer. And said relocation was ordered to be completed on or before the first day of November, 1900.

On the petition of H. C. Burr and others, we altered and relocated a portion of the public highway lying in the town of Wilbraham, leading from Ludlow village to Three Rivers. The inhabitants of Wilbraham were

ordered to complete the same on or before the first day of December, 1900.

On the petition of S. N. Bennett and others, the highway running westerly from Main street in Agawam, at a point opposite the residence of G. H. Huntington, and continuing in a southwesterly direction to the intersection of the stage road, near the George Fowler wood lot, was re-located. Land damages were awarded as follows:- To S. N. Bennett and H. W. Austin, each \$40., to be paid from the county treasury. And it was ordered that said highway be completed on or before September 1st, 1901.

The petition of J. L. Hubbard and others for relocation of a portion of highway in Agawam, leading from the west end of the Agawam bridge and running due south to the Connecticut state line, was dismissed after a view and hearing.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Blandford and others, a highway was located in Blandford and Russell, commencing near the house of James Waters, deceased, in said Blandford, and running northeasterly and southeasterly to a stone bound on the southerly side of the present highway in said town of Russell. And the former highway between these two points was discontinued.

On the petition of Jason Butler and others for relocation of the Boston Road, in Wilbraham, we have viewed the premises and heard the parties.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Agawam for repairing Bridge street in Agawam, we have viewed the premises and heard the parties.

We have not yet acted upon the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Springfield, for the extension of Water street.

On the petition of Erwin D. Avery and others, the private way in Chicopee, known as Richmond street, was laid out as a public way, to be completed on or before November 24th, 1900.

We have accepted the highways in Agawam in said county, called crossings Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, located and ordered upon the petition of the Hartford and Connecticut Western Railroad Company, having viewed and carefully examined the same and found them well made, constructed and completed, according to our decree filed November 12th, 1889 and the amendment thereto filed February 7th, 1899.

Land damages were ordered to be paid by the county to various persons in the sum of \$1140.

In all cases where highways were located, the expenses of construction were ordered to be paid by the town in which they were located.

No suits have been brought against the county during the past year. No highways or parts of highways have been laid out by the Commissioners under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and no sums have been reimbursed to the county as betterments.

No applications have been made to the Massachusetts Highway Commission. For the cost and construction of state highways in this county, reference may be had to the following table.

Amount expended for repairs and maintenance of state highways.
Hampden county.

December 1st, 1900.

Town - City.	Expended 1896-1899.	Expended 1900.	Total.
Brimfield,	32.96	292.25	325.21
Chester,		128.79	128.79
Chicopee,	204.45	641.21	845.66
Monson,	506.98	33.42	540.40
Palmer,		5.25	5.25
Russell,	1,764.88	1,190.39	2,955.27
Westfield,	1,382.92	686.44	2,069.36
West Springfield,	465.51	199.59	665.10
Wilbraham,	672.50	56.72	729.22
Total,	5,030.20	3,234.06	8,264.26

HAMPDEN COUNTY

Showing lengths laid out, lengths constructed and amounts expended, to
Dec. 1, 1900.

Town or City.	Lengths laid out in feet.			Lengths constructed in feet.		
	1894-1899.	1900.	Total.	1894-1899.	1900.	Total.
Brimfield,	12345		12345	12345		12345
Chester,	1775	1697	3472	1775	1697	3472
Chicopee,	4817		4817	4817		4817
Monson,	4933		4933	4933		4933
Palmer,	3600	4750	8350	3900	4450	8350
Russell,	35189		35189	35189		35189
Westfield,	18343	3250	21593	18343	3250	21593
West Springfield,	8054		8054	8054		8054
Wilbraham,	10138		10138	10138		10138
Total (feet),	99194	9697	108891	99494	9397	108891
Total (miles),	18.79	1.84	20.62	18.84	1.78	20.62

Town or City.	* EXPENDED.		
	1894-1899.	1900.	Total.
Brimfield,	14,890.61	354.42	15,245.03
Chester,	3,718.87	3,346.40	7,065.27
Chicopee,	16,476.80		16,476.80
Monson,	7,617.31		7,617.31
Palmer,	5,944.81	7,179.94	13,124.75
Russell,	82,827.04	1,518.17	84,345.21
Westfield,	27,594.71	4,611.15	32,205.86
West Springfield,	11,323.70		11,323.70
Wilbraham,	18,308.78		18,308.78
	188,702.63	17,010.08	205,712.71

* Exclusive of repairs and maintenance.

During the year 1900, the county repaid the commonwealth on account of the construction of state highways, the sum of \$7,726.19, making in all that has been so expended the sum of \$30,541.62, and the sum of \$10,431.66 is due the commonwealth from the county.

The amount of expenditure upon the several county buildings for repairs and furnishing during the year of 1900 amounted to \$6,747.55. \$3,523.32 of this amount was for repairs, which were done by day work.

The appropriation of \$1,500. for Auditors' fees was not sufficient to meet the expenditure required, and \$1,076.07 was transferred from the unexpended balance in the treasury. The appropriation of \$4,000. for miscellaneous expenses was not sufficient to meet the expenditure required, and \$442.58 was transferred from the unexpended balance in the treasury. The appropriation of \$5,000. for criminal costs was not sufficient to meet the expenditure required, and \$280.65 was transferred

from the unexpended balance in the treasury.

The following are the salaries of county officials prescribed by law:-

Sheriff,	\$ 1,500.	County Treasurer,	\$ 1,800.
Clerk of Courts,	3,500.	Register of Deeds,	2,800.
Assistant Clerk,	1,300.	County Commissioners,	2,500.

The following are the salaries of county officials not prescribed by law:-

At the Court-house.

Messenger,	\$ 1,200.	Engineer,	\$ 1,200.
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At the Jail.

Jailer,	\$ 1,000.	Watchman,	\$ 624.
Turnkey,	960.	Engineer,	1,020.
Assistant Turnkey,	780.	Steward,	660.
First Keeper,	780.	Shop Foreman,	840.
Second Keeper,	780.	Matron,	240.
Third Keeper,	624.	Physician,	300.
Fourth Keeper,	624.	Chaplains,	300.
Watchman,	624.	Instructor of Industries,	1,296.

At the Truant School.

Superintendent,	\$ 1,200.	Teacher,,	\$ 480.
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The following is a list of the assets of the county of Hampden,
December 31st, 1900.

Court-house building,	\$ 200,000.
Court-house lot,	66,000.
Law Library,	22,000.
Furniture and other property, Court-house,	20,000.
Jail and House of Correction buildings,	255,000.
Jail and House of Correction lot,	25,000.
Furniture and other property, Jail and House of Correction,	10,000.
Truant School buildings,	13,000.
Truant School lot,	7,000.
Furniture and other property, Truant School,	3,000.
Sinking Fund, Hampden county,	56,452.12

The following is a statement of the funded debt of the county:-

Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January	
1, 1902,	\$ 10,000.
Note to Springfield Institution for Savings, due January	
1, 1903,	10,000.
Bonds payable to bearer, due August 1, 1905.	200,000.
Of the money received on the above notes, \$ 20,000. was used for construction of Court-house, and \$ 200,000. was used for construction of Jail and House of Correction.	

J. H. Hendrick	} County Commissioners.
J. M. Sickman	
W. H. Brainerd	

December Meeting, 1900

January, 1901. All votes and decisions of the County Commissioners during the calendar year, 1900, were unanimous.

Votes and Decisions
unanimous.

January 2, 1901. James R. Wells of Springfield, Register of Deeds appears and is sworn and gives bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office, with Edward M. Coats, William F. Cook and Dwight O. Gilmore as sureties, which bond is approved.

James R. Wells
Register of Deeds
sworn in.

Copy of Bond.

Bond.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, JAMES R. WELLS, of Springfield, in the county of Hampden, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as Principal, and we EDWARD M. COATS, Wm. F. COOK and DWIGHT O. GILMORE are holden and firmly bound and obliged unto the county of Hampden, Massachusetts, in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, to be paid to the said county of Hampden, to the payment of which we do bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly, by these presents,
Sealed with our seals, and dated this 2nd day of January 1901.

The CONDITION of this obligation is such, that Whereas, the said JAMES R. WELLS, has been legally chosen by the people of said county of Hampden, REGISTER of DEEDS, for the term of three years from the first Wednesday of January, A. D. 1901, and legally qualified therefor,-

Now, if the said JAMES R. WELLS, shall faithfully discharge the duties of said office during the term for which he is chosen and qualified as aforesaid, and until some other person shall be chosen and qualified in his stead, then the above Obligation shall be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

W. H. Murphy	{ J. R. W.	{ James R. Wells and seal.
	{ E. M. C.	{ Edward M. Coats and seal.
Lydia M. Tanner	to W. F. C.	{ William F. Cook and seal.
Charles G. Gardner		{ Dwight O. Gilmore and seal.

Approved:	J. M. Sickman	County Commissioners.
	W. H. Brainerd	
	J. H. Hendrick	

January 2, 1901. M. Wells Bridge of Springfield, County Treasurer appears and is sworn and gives bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office.

M. Wells Bridge
County Treasurer
sworn in.

Bond.B O N D.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That We, M. WELLS BRIDGE of Springfield, in the county of Hampden, as principal, and DANIEL B. WESSON, ROBERT O. MORRIS, DWIGHT O. GILMORE, EDWARD P. CHAPIN, JOHN S. SANDERSON and SAMUEL B. SPOONER as sureties, and all within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto the county of Hampden aforesaid in the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, to be paid to the said county of Hampden, to the payment whereof we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas the said M. WELLS BRIDGE has been legally elected by the voters of the county of Hampden, County Treasurer of said county for the term of three years beginning with the first Wednesday of January in the year nineteen hundred and one and until his successor is chosen and qualified,-

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said M. WELLS BRIDGE shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office, as they now or may hereafter exist, during the term for which he has been elected, and until his successor is chosen and qualified;

Then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

Geo. H. Clark
Harry B. Ellis
Geo. H. Clark
Edwin Dwight
John B. Knight
N. A. Fernald
Geo. R. Bond

M. Wells Bridge and seal.
Daniel B. Wesson and seal.
Robert O. Morris and seal.
Dwight O. Gilmore and seal.
Edward P. Chapin and seal.
Samuel B. Spooner and seal.
J. S. Sanderson and seal.

Jan. 2, 1901.

Approved:-

J. M. Sickman	} County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd	
J. H. Hendrick	

Order for Transfer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Springfield, January 2, 1901.

Whereas in the judgment of the County Commissioners the interests of the county of Hampden demand an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by law for criminal costs, in said county, said County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to transfer from the general fund the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars and sixty-five

cents, (\$280.65) in addition to the amount authorized by law for the purpose aforesaid.

The reason for such transfer is that the appropriation authorized for the purpose aforesaid is exhausted.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Springfield, January 2, 1901.

Whereas in the judgment of the County Commissioners the interests of the county of Hampden demand an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by law for miscellaneous expenses in said county, said County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to transfer from the general fund the sum of four hundred forty-two dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$442.58) in addition to the amount authorized by law for the purpose aforesaid.

The reason for such transfer is that the appropriation authorized for the purpose aforesaid is exhausted.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

Order for Transfer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Springfield, January 2, 1901.

Whereas in the judgment of the County Commissioners the interests of the county of Hampden demand an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by law for auditors in said county, said County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Treasurer to transfer from the general fund the sum of one thousand seventy-six dollars and seven cents (\$1076.07) in addition to the amount authorized by law for the purpose aforesaid.

The reason for such transfer is that the appropriation authorized for the purpose aforesaid is exhausted.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

Order for Transfer.

County Treasurer
authorized to borrow
in anticipation of
County Tax.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, January 11th, 1901.

VOTED, That M. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the county, and in anticipation of the county tax, a sum of money not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) and to make, execute and deliver a note or notes to that amount, payable November 5th, 1901, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual, as he, the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent per annum.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

Selectmen of the
town of East Long-
meadow, Petrs. for
appointment of Com-
mission, "Robeson
Crossing".

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Superior Court.

In Equity, 1900

In the Matter of the Petition of the Selectmen of the town of East Longmeadow to prescribe the manner in which the Grade Crossing known as ROBESON'S Crossing in said East Longmeadow, shall be abolished.

REPORT and FINDING of SPECIAL COMMISSION.

In the above entitled matter, the undersigned, Dana Malone, Fred Joy and Edmund K. Turner, duly appointed by the Superior Court, sitting in Equity in and for the said county of Hampden, on the twenty-fifth day of September, nineteen hundred, on a commission for the purpose prayed for in said petition as appears from the records and by the order of said Court, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

The Commissioners met at the court-house in Springfield on the twentieth day of October, nineteen hundred, and, having organized, proceeded to view the crossing and surrounding premises, and to inspect plans showing proposed alterations.

The Commissioners then gave public notice that they would meet at the court-house in Springfield on Saturday the tenth day of November then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon and hear all parties interested, as appears by their order, advertisements in the Springfield Republican and returns thereto annexed on file in said Court.

And in pursuance of said order and notice, the Commissioners met at said court-house on the tenth day of November, nineteen hundred, and the following named parties interested in the matter of the aforesaid petition, appeared before them: The Selectmen of East Longmeadow, James B. Carroll, Esq., their counsel, and Civil Engineer A. H. Towne: the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company and the New England Railroad Company by Walter S. Robinson, Esq., their counsel, and Civil

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Engineers Spencar and Gagle, and several citizens of said town were also present.

And it was shown and duly appeared that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting, as ordered by the Commissioners, has been given, and after hearing the parties aforesaid, the meeting was adjourned.

Now, having carefully viewed and considered the crossing mentioned in the aforesaid petition, and having carefully considered all the evidence, plans, suggestions and arguments of the parties and their respective counsel, the said Commissioners, in accordance with the provisions of chapter four hundred fifty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred, do find and decide that said crossing shall be abolished in the following manner, and do prescribe the manner and limits within which said alterations shall be made, and do determine which party shall do the work as follows:-

The grade of the highway shall be raised so that the highway shall pass over the railroad with a clear headroom of eighteen feet between the top of rails and the underside of the bridge. The surface of the floor of the bridge shall be twenty-eight inches above the underside of the bridge at the middle, and twenty-six inches above the said underside at the ends of the bridge, over the abutments.

The bridge over the railroad shall be of steel, with a plank floor five inches in thickness. The bridge shall be designed for a live load of one hundred pounds per square foot, uniformly distributed, or a wagon load of twenty tons, on four wheels spaced five by ten feet. The clear width of the bridge between girders shall be thirty feet.

The abutments supporting the bridge shall be of granite or other equally durable stone, laid in regular courses, with beds and joints to show not over one inch. The beds shall be practically level and the joints vertical. The foundation courses shall be generally headers. All masonry shall be laid solid in cement mortar composed of two parts by measure of clean sharp sand to one part of the best quality of American natural cement. The faces of abutments shall be laid with a batter of one half inch to the foot. Where necessary spruce piles shall be driven for foundations of masonry, with a bed of concrete not less than five feet in thickness on the piles. Where piles are not used, the foundations shall be laid sufficiently deep to be out of the way of frost, not less than four feet below the surface of the ground in front of them.

The face of the easterly abutment shall be at the level of the track, six feet and one inch from the easterly rail of the present track. The clear width between abutments measured at right angles to the face at the level of the track, shall be twenty-nine feet two inches. Wing walls shall be built at each end of the abutments to retain the earth fill.

The northerly side of the bridge shall be on the northerly side line of the highway as now laid out.

Westerly from the bridge the northerly side of the driveway shall continue in the same straight line as upon the bridge one hundred and seventeen feet, thence in a line ten feet from and parallel with the northerly side line of the highway, until the new grade intersects the present grade of the highway.

Easterly from the bridge the northerly side line of the driveway shall conform to the northerly side line of the highway until the new grade meets the present grade of the highway.

The approaches to the bridge shall be of earth embankment, with at least four feet in thickness of clean sand or gravel next the masonry. The clear width between the fences on top of the embankments shall be thirty feet. The earth slopes shall have a proportion of one and one-half horizontal to one vertical. The top of the embankment shall be of good gravel not less than twelve inches in thickness, crowned and trimmed to shed water quickly. A substantial fence shall be placed on the edge of the bank wherever it is more than two feet high.

The new driveway in each direction from the ends of the bridge shall descend with a gradient of three feet per one hundred feet until the new grade intersects the present grade of the highway, with a suitable vertical curve at the intersection of the grades.

The Commissioners find and decide that it is necessary to take land for highway purposes as follows:

Land to be taken:-

Lot No. 1. A parcel of land now or formerly of Girard, on the northerly side of the highway and westerly side of the railroad, bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the northerly side line of the highway and westerly line of location of the railroad, thence westerly on said northerly side line two hundred and ninety-five feet, thence easterly two hundred thirty-five feet, thence southerly on said westerly side line seventy-five feet to the point of beginning.

Lot No. 2. A parcel of land now or formerly of Girard, on the northerly side of the highway and the easterly side of the railroad, bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the northerly side line of the highway with the easterly line of the railroad location, thence northerly on said easterly line of location eighty feet, thence by other land of said Girard seventy-two feet, thence in a more southerly direction still on other land of Girard, one hundred and thirty-three feet to the division line between land of said Girard and land of Robeson, thence on said division line southerly thirty-two feet, to the northerly side line of the highway, thence westerly on said northerly side line one hundred forty-six feet to the point of beginning.

Lot No. 3. A parcel of land now or formerly of Robeson, on the northerly side of the highway, bounded as follows: Beginning on the northerly side line of the highway, at the division line between land of Girard and land of Robeson, thence northerly on said division line thirty-two feet, thence easterly by other land of said Robeson four hundred and sev-

en feet to the northerly side line of the highway, thence westerly on the northerly side line of the highway three hundred ninety-seven feet to the point of beginning.

Lot No. 4. A parcel of land now or formerly of Robeson, on the southerly side of the highway and easterly side of the railroad, bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the southerly side line of the highway and the easterly line of location of the railroad, thence easterly along the said line of highway one hundred eighty feet, thence westerly one hundred fifty feet to the easterly location line of the railroad, thence on said location line thirty-two feet to the point of beginning.

Lot No. 5. A parcel of land now or formerly of Girard, on the southerly side of the highway and westerly side of the railroad, bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the southerly side line of the highway and the westerly location line of the railroad, thence on said location line southerly forty-two feet, thence westerly one hundred and ten feet, by other land of Girard, thence in a more northerly direction two hundred and twenty feet to the southerly side line of the highway, thence easterly by said southerly side line of the highway, two hundred eighty-five feet to the point of beginning.

The Commission decides that the New England Railroad Company shall provide all of the material and do all of the work required by this decision and shall in the first instance pay the cost of hearing and the compensation of the Commissioners and Auditors for their services and expenses.

Plans dated November twenty-eight, nineteen hundred, showing the alterations herein decided upon and signed by the Commissioners are filed, herewith, as part of this report and decision.

Dated November thirtieth, nineteen hundred.

Dana Malone	}	Commissioners.
Fred Joy		
E. K. Turner		

Filed Dec. 12, 1900.

January 14, 1901.

Report of Commissioners affirmed by Hon. Robert R. Bishop, Justice.

A true copy. Attest:- ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk.

(L. S.).

Apportionment of Dog
Tax.

The County Commissioners having apportioned the moneys received under the provision of the Statutes relative to dogs, not otherwise expended, order that the same amounting to the sum of ten thousand four hundred and eighty dollars and forty-five cents be paid to the Treasurers of the several cities and towns of the county, in the proportions following, viz.

To the Treasurer of Agawam,	\$ 297.31
To the Treasurer of Blandford,	134.75
To the Treasurer of Brimfield,	192.51
To the Treasurer of Chester,	183.95
To the Treasurer of Chicopee,	948.09
To the Treasurer of East Longmeadow,	103.20
To the Treasurer of Granville,	147.05
To the Treasurer of Hampden,	117.64
To the Treasurer of Holland,	40.11
To the Treasurer of Holyoke,	1,488.17
To the Treasurer of Longmeadow,	93.04
To the Treasurer of Ludlow,	214.96
To the Treasurer of Monson,	476.98
To the Treasurer of Montgomery,	55.08
To the Treasurer of Palmer,	517.62
To the Treasurer of Russell,	95.18
To the Treasurer of Southwick,	164.70
To the Treasurer of Springfield,	3,444.95
To the Treasurer of Tolland,	97.86
To the Treasurer of Wales,	68.45
To the Treasurer of Westfield,	817.61
To the Treasurer of West Springfield,	611.20
To the Treasurer of Wilbraham,	170.04
	<u>\$ 10,480.45</u>

Mayor and Aldermen of
Springfield, Petrs.
to abolish grade
crossings, "Bay St.
State St., Wilbraham
Road, Alden St. and
Hickory St."

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable Justices of the Superior Court sitting in equity within and for our county of Hampden.-

In the matter of the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Springfield, for abolishing grade crossings of the New England Railroad Company, with Bay, State, Wilbraham Road, and Alden and Hickory streets, in said Springfield; the undersigned were appointed a Commission by this Court under the provisions of chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890 as amended and as prayed for in said petition, and now report as follows,-

The Commission having determined the time and place for a hearing duly notified all parties interested, and in pursuance thereof met the parties on Monday the twenty-fourth day of May A. D. 1897 at the Court-house in said Springfield, and after viewing the several crossings, the

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further hearing, for the convenience of the parties, was adjourned to September 16th 1897 at two o'clock in the afternoon, when the Commission resumed the hearing, which continued through the 17th September 1897 when the further hearing was postponed to November 16th at 9-30 A. M.

On the 16th of November 1897 pursuant to adjournment the Commission resumed the hearing which continued through the next day, including the arguments of counsel, and in the forenoon of November 18th, the Commission again took a view of the premises.

At the close of the hearing Nov. 18, 1897 the Commission conferred with the attorneys of the parties, as to the probability of a compromise substantially securing safety to all against harm from these crossings.

At this conference, the suggestions of the Commissioners were reduced to writing and were as follows,-

1st. Suggestion.- That, at all crossings, passenger trains are to come to a full stop within one hundred feet of the crossing.

Swinging gates across the highway and railroad at Wilbraham road, Boston Road and Bay street.

Or, proposition two.

"Discontinuance of the running of passenger trains north of Armory Hill Station, and the running of freight trains north of said Armory Hill Station, except between nine o'clock P. M. and six o'clock A.M."

These suggestions were favorably received, with the understanding, that the Commissioners should make a preliminary report thereof to the Court, and in the meantime, if either of the suggestions should be acceptable, the parties should proceed to obtain needed legislation if any were required for the affirmance of such compromise.

On the nineteenth (19) of November 1897, the City Solicitor by letter requested the Commission as follows:-

"Please withhold for a little time the proposed suggestive report which was discussed at the informal conference yesterday, as the city may possibly desire another conference of like character, or to make a communication in writing to the Commission, tending toward the result suggested yesterday, viz, a possible compromise."

The Solicitor was informed that the report would be withheld for the present.

Sometime after this the City Solicitor, Mr. Lathrop, requested a rehearing in these cases. This was objected to by the respondents, and a hearing of the parties was had, Nov. 5, 1898, at Boston. The request was granted, and a time set for the hearing.

December 9th, 1899, the City Solicitor informed the Commissioners of a change of administration in the city, and that the Mayor elect, did not desire the hearing set for the 22d of December 1899, but that the matter be continued, indefinitely for the present, that the incoming city government may have opportunity to act upon the matter and take such attitude thereon, as to it may seem best, and he added that Judge Long assented to this suggestion.

The rehearing was continued as requested.

December 28, 1900, the present City Solicitor, Mr. Wm. G. McKechnie, addressed Mr. Richardson, the Chairman of this Commission, by letter, as follows:-

"On the first day of February 1900 I wrote you asking on behalf of the city of Springfield, that you would postpone the matter of making your decision as to the New England Grade Crossing cases pending before the Commission, until the new administration was able to take up the matter in reference to the question, whether or not a further hearing should be desired and for closing the matter up. I conferred with Judge Long in reference thereto and he kindly assented to the delay.

I now wish to state that the city has no objection whatever to your making your report, on the contrary would prefer that the report be made at as early a date as possible and the matter brought to a termination so far at least as your part is concerned. I am therefore instructed to request the Commission to report at its earliest convenience.

The Commissioners have regretted the delays that have retarded their final report.

It is however to be noted that the delays have been at the request of the city, and nothing now seems in the way of such report.

The city in its petition asks for such changes in the crossings at grade as that the public ways shall pass over the railroad.

This Commission was appointed by the Court December 7, 1896 to decide whether the alterations prayed for are necessary for the security and convenience of the public, and if they so determine, to so report, to the Court.

At the hearing three plans were presented by the city.

By plan No. 1, the streets were to be raised five feet, and the railroad track depressed fifteen feet for the three first crossings &c.

By plan No. 2, the streets were to be raised thirteen feet and the railroad depressed 7 feet, &c.

By plan No. 3, each street was to be raised twenty feet leaving the railroad track as it is.

Mr. Allen a skillful Civil Engineer from Worcester, as well as the City Engineer, Mr. Slocum of Springfield, commended plan No. 1, as by all odds the most desirable to pursue.

The cost of these plans was substantially the same and was estimated by said Engineers at \$ 404,212.40.

Plan No. 1 involved the construction of an intercepting sewer costing at least sixty thousand dollars exclusive of the damages for land taken for it.

It was proposed to have this sewer discharged into Mill Brook flowing over and through premises of the United States used for Armory purposes and down Mill Brook through private lands, regardless of whether the government of the United States should assent thereto, and regardless of the Statutes of Massachusetts against the pollution of the streams within her boundaries.

It was claimed that the Commission should not attempt to abolish these grade crossings as proposed by plan No. 1, until authority from the United States and from the state of Massachusetts should be secured for the disposal of the sewage.

It was also contended that under Statute of 1890 chapter 428 & amendments thereto, that this Commission has no authority to order the construction of the intercepting sewer and to take or appropriate land therefor.

The Commissioners however make no determination of these questions, and do not propose to enter largely into the details of the hearing.

One of the chief purposes in asking for the abolition of these grade crossings was the avoidance of the perils to the school children coming from the east side of the railroad to schools on the west side. It was said that 320 scholars from east of the crossings went to the Buckingham school house west of the tracks.

We sympathize with parents and people who have cause for anxieties and are made solicitous for the safety of their little ones as they go to and from the public schools.

It is needless to say we had in mind the protection and safety of such children in making our preliminary report filed with the Clerk of the Court Feb. 1st, 1899.

In that report we said "it appeared to us that the inconvenience and dangers complained of might be obviated at a comparatively small expense, by stopping all passenger trains within 100 feet of each of the crossings mentioned in said petition, by placing swinging gates across the highways and railroad at the Wilbraham road crossing, the Boston Road crossing and Bay street road crossing."

And now after the lapse of nearly two years, and upon reconsidering the matter, we believe in the reasonableness and in the effectiveness of these precautions if adopted and maintained.

If these crossings are perilous to the public we believe the adoption of precautions above suggested will effectively assure safety to all having occasion to use them. And the railroad Co. should recognize its duty to adopt these safeguards at once, no legislation being necessary, as might have been, had it seemed desirable to adopt the alternative suggestion of discontinuing the passenger trains north of Armory Hill station.

These views require us to report against the prayer of the city for the abolition of these grade crossings.

This section of the city east of the railroad is well located, thrifty and rapidly increasing its population, and, in a few years, the city will find it necessary to provide it with schools and school houses for the use and convenience of the people there residing, and there will be then no occasion for children of that section to attend the schools upon the west side of the railroad track. And so the school children will be eliminated from the perils complained of.

The railroad has been in operation for 25 years and upwards, and is a spur from the New England Railroad in Connecticut to Springfield; its business is small and hardly self supporting.

Under these conditions, the Commissioners do not feel justified in recommending an abolition of these crossings, at an expense approaching a half million of dollars.

We therefore report that the abolition of said grade crossings as prayed for by the petitioners, is not necessary.

The claims of the Commissioners for disbursements and services, in the discharge of duties under their appointment will be filed and submitted for approval and allowance, and if others have claims the Commissioners trust they may have opportunity to submit the same in like manner for allowance.

In the apportionment of the cost, under Statute of 1890 chap. 428 Sec. 3, the Commissioners adjudge that the thirty-five per cent. of the cost to be apportioned between the Commonwealth and the city of Springfield, ten per cent. thereof should be paid by said city.

January 11, 1901.

George F. Richardson	}	Commissioners.
Marshall Wilcox		
George W. Wiggin		

Filed January 19, 1901.

Lowell, January 14, 1901.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, City of Springfield and the New England Railroad Co., To

George F. Richardson, Dr.

To services as Commissioner in the matter of the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Springfield, for the abolition of certain grade crossings of The New England Railroad in said Springfield.

10 days,	\$ 500.
Expenses,	<u>48.</u>
	\$ 548.

Boston, Jan'y. 11, 1901.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, City of Springfield and the New England Railroad Co., To

George W. Wiggin, Dr.

To services as Commissioner in the matter of the Petn. of Mayor and Aldermen of Springfield, for the abolition of certain grade crossings of the New England Railroad in the city of Springfield.

9 1/2 days,	\$ 475.
Expenses,	<u>49.18</u>
	\$ 524.18

Marshall Wilcox's bill, as Commissioner in the matter of the Petition for abolition of grade crossings of the New England Railroad crossings in Springfield, is as follows:

To 10 days services as Commissioner in the hearings of this matter,
and for additional services in drafting the report of the Commission,
.....\$ 500.
And to expenses for railroad fares, hotel charges and
for typewriting report, 43.37
\$ 543.37

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

Superior Court.

Mayor and Aldermen of Springfield, Petitioners to abolish grade
crossings at Bay street, State street, Wilbraham Road, Alden street and
Hickory street.

MOTION.

The Commissioners appointed by the Court in the above entitled pe-
tition having made their report, the New England Railroad Company now
moves that said report be confirmed.

The New England Railroad Company,

By Chas. L. Long, its attorney.

We do not care to be heard and consent to the granting of the fore-
going motion.

COMMONWEALTH, by Fred'k. E. Hurd, Asst. Atty-Gen.

W. G. McKechnie, Solicitor for the city of Springfield.

Filed, January 24, 1901, and

Motion allowed and confirmed by Hon. EDWARD P. PIERCE, Justice.

(L. S.) True copies. Attest:- ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk.

The sum of one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and ten cents is allow-
ed for damages and other expenses incurred under the Statutes relative
to dogs, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received
by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Statutes.

Allowance for damages
done to sheep.

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to
the sum of twenty-six thousand, six hundred and sixty-eight dollars and
thirty-three cents are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Accounts.
\$ 26,668.33

Hampden, ss. April 3d, 1901.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters
not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned
without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris

Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said county of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April, being the ninth day of said month, and by adjournment on the fifteenth and twentieth days of said month, and by adjournment on the first, fourth, fifteenth and eighteenth days of May, and by adjournment on the third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

Present,

James M. Sickman, Esq. Chairman	} County Commissioners.
Joel H. Hendrick, Esq.	
Wm. H. Brainerd, Esq.	

Selectmen of Agawam
Petr. for relocation
of highway in Agawam.

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To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for Hampden county:-

Respectfully represented by the Selectmen of Agawam,- that the boundary lines of the highway leading from Southwick to Agawam bridge cannot be determined or located, we therefore pray your Honorable Board to grant a hearing and relocate said highway as follows,- viz:- Beginning at a stone monument on the south side of "Still Brook" in said highway, near the house of F. A. Johnson on West street; and running thence northerly, along said street to Southwick St.; thence easterly along Southwick St. to Springfield St. at Feeding Hills center; thence easterly along Springfield street to Agawam bridge. And make such decree hereon as you shall deem best.

Agawam, Mass. Apr. 4th, 1899.

Henry E. Bodurtha	} Selectmen of Agawam.
R. Mather Taylor	
John H. Reed	

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said county on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and due proceedings having been had thereon, the County Commissioners file the following location report, to wit:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting. April 15th, 1901.

On the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Agawam, praying for a highway to be relocated in the town of Agawam. It appearing that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, the said County Commissioners did, on the 13th day of May A. D. 1899, view said highway, and hear all parties interested, and did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that said highway should be relocated. And at the time of said view, no person interested having objected, after adjudicating as afore-

said, said Commissioners relocate said highway in the manner following:-

The right hand or southerly side of said road is described as follows:- Beginning at a stone monument about thirty (30) feet southerly of "still" brook on land of one Barbara Arnold, and on the easterly side of West street, said stone monument marking the end of a former location dated 1873, and recorded in book 9 page 14, County Commissioners' Records; thence N. 16° 22' E. five hundred and eighty-one and two hundredths (581.02) feet to a stone monument on land of S. L. Johnson; thence N. 17° 36' E. five hundred and sixty-eight and eighty-three hundredths (568.83) feet to a stone monument at the intersection of West street with Southwick street; thence along Southwick street S. 85° 44' E. twelve hundred (1200) feet to a stone monument on land of S. L. Johnson; thence same course eleven hundred (1100) feet to a stone monument on land of J. W. Hastings; thence same course one thousand one hundred and fifty-nine and forty-six (1159.46) feet to a stone monument on land of Augusta A. Cornish; thence S. 85° 33' E. five hundred and seventy-two and forty-four hundredths (572.44) feet to a stone monument on or near the westerly line of Feeding Hills street; thence crossing said street on a course leading S. 59° 22' E. ninety and one hundredths (90.01) feet to a stone monument on or near the easterly line of said street; thence S. 84° 32' E. three hundred and three and seventy-two hundredths (303.72) feet to a stone monument on land of D. W. Corwin; thence S. 85° 14' E. three hundred and fifty-three and sixteen hundredths (353.16) feet to a stone monument, on the line of a former location, dated 1889 and recorded in book 11 page 126, County Commissioners' Records; thence following said former location S. 86° 12' E. three hundred and seventeen and three hundredths (317.03) feet to a point on the center line of location of the Springfield branch of the Hartford & Connecticut Western R.R.; thence N. 81° 48' E. two hundred and ninety-one and thirty-one hundredths (291.31) feet to a stone monument on land of John A. Warner; thence leaving said former location N. 81° 16' E. seven hundred and sixty-two and sixty-nine hundredths (762.69) feet to a stone monument on land of Hannah Edgerton; thence S. 89° 15' E. one thousand and ninety-nine and twenty-four hundredths (1099.24) feet to a stone monument on land of Henry W. Brown; thence S. 89° 41' E. seven hundred and thirty-eight and seventeen hundredths (738.17) feet to a stone monument on land of Mrs. Homer Flower; thence N. 88° 19' E. two hundred and five and fifty-three hundredths (205.53) feet to a stone monument on land of said Flower; thence crossing the old stage road N. 54° 56' E. one thousand and one hundred (1100) feet to a stone monument on land of L. B. Robinson; thence same course one thousand and one hundred (1100) feet to a stone monument on land of the Theodore Hess estate; thence same course one thousand and one hundred (1100) to a stone monument on land of the Salmon Slater estate; thence same course one thousand and one hundred (1100) feet to a stone monument on land of Aleck Ducloes; thence same course eleven hundred (1100) feet to a stone monument on land of Henrietta Snow;

thence same course ten hundred and ninety-two and ninety-three hundredths (1092.93) feet to a stone monument on land of Joseph F. Callanan; thence N. $53^{\circ} 33'$ E. one thousand and three hundred eighty-two and thirty-nine hundredths (1382.39) feet to a stone monument on land of David Woodworth; thence N. $54^{\circ} 03'$ E. one thousand four hundred and seventy and nineteen hundredths (1470.19) feet to a stone monument on land of Mary Sullivan; thence N. $41^{\circ} 44'$ E. two hundred and ninety-seven and eighty hundredths (297.80) feet to a stone monument on land of Dennis O'Brien; thence N. $75^{\circ} 19'$ E. one hundred and fifty-four and four hundredths (154.04) feet to a stone monument on land of Amos Gosselin; thence N. $86^{\circ} 41'$ E. two hundred and forty-three and eighty-six hundredths (243.86) feet to a stone monument on land of H. B. Worden; thence N. $77^{\circ} 16'$ E. five hundred and twenty-eight and fifty-one hundredths (528.51) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence S. $80^{\circ} 47'$ E. two hundred and ninety-five and eighty hundredths (295.80) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence S. $61^{\circ} 25'$ E. four hundred and twenty-six and thirty-two hundredths (426.32) feet to a stone monument on land of Robert Ely; thence N. $82^{\circ} 31'$ E. three hundred and twenty-nine and eighty hundredths (329.80) feet to a stone monument on land of said Ely; thence S. $88^{\circ} 31'$ E. seven hundred and three and twenty-four hundredths (703.24) feet to a stone monument on land of H. B. Worden; thence S. $72^{\circ} 50'$ E. ninety-two and eighty-seven hundredths (92.87) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence S. $58^{\circ} 13'$ E. two hundred and ninety-four and thirty-two hundredths (294.32) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence deflecting to the left by a curve with a radius of two hundred (200) feet, one hundred and eighteen and thirteen hundredths (118.13) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence N. $87^{\circ} 56'$ E. one hundred and seventy-eight and seventy-four hundredths (178.74) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence S. $39^{\circ} 57'$ E. sixty-eight and fifty-three hundredths (68.53) feet to a stone monument marking the end of a former location of Suffield street.

The left hand or northerly line of said relocation is parallel to, and sixty-six (66) feet distant from the right hand or southerly line, from the point of beginning to a stone monument on or near the westerly line of Feeding Hills street; thence crossing said street by a course leading S. $53^{\circ} 19'$ E. seventy-four and seven hundredths (74.07) feet to a stone monument on or near the easterly line thereof; thence follows parallel to, and sixty-six (66) feet distant from, the aforescribed southerly line to a stone monument on land of John Freeland, and the aforesaid former location of 1889; thence following said former location N. $88^{\circ} 03'$ E. five hundred and ninety-seven and twenty-three hundredths (597.23) feet to a stone monument on land of D. W. Corwin; thence parallel to and sixty-six (66) feet distant from the said described southerly line to a stone monument on land of Sarah Flower; thence parallel to, and fifty (50) feet distant from, the aforesaid described southerly line to a stone monument on land of Cornelius Crowley; thence N. $41^{\circ} 44'$

E. twenty-three and seventy-nine (23.79) feet to a stone monument marking the end of a former location of the street leading from Mittineague; thence same course two hundred and thirty-three and sixty-two hundredths (233.62) feet to a stone monument on said former location; thence still following said former location N. 35° 29' E. sixty-eight and twenty-five hundredths (68.25) feet to a stone monument on land of Catherine O'Brien; thence parallel to, and sixty-six (66) feet distant from, the aforescribed southerly line one thousand two hundred and sixty-four and eighty-eight hundredths (1264.88) feet to a stone monument on land of H. B. Worden; thence S. 63° 41' E. four hundred and eleven and forty-six hundredths (411.46) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence N. 83° 51' E. three hundred and ten and four hundredths (310.04) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence S. 87° 48' E. seven hundred and seventeen and eighty-two hundredths (717.82) feet to stone monument on land of said Worden; thence S. 72° 50' E. parallel to, and sixty-six (66) feet from, the afore-described southerly line, one hundred and ten and twenty-one hundredths (110.21) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence S. 58° 13' E. three hundred and eleven and forty-three hundredths (311.43) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden; thence deflecting to the left by a curve with a radius of 200 feet, one hundred and eighteen and thirteen hundredths (118.13) feet to a stone monument on land of said Worden and fifty (50) feet distant from the afore-described southerly line; thence N. 87° 56' E. eighty-one and forty-seven hundredths (81.47) feet to a stone monument; thence deflecting to the left by a curve with a radius of one hundred and fifty (150) feet, one hundred and thirty-eight and eighty-two hundredths (138.82) feet to a stone monument in line with the southerly abutment of the Agawam bridge.

And the owners of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed until the first day of September next, to remove therefrom their buildings, wood, timber or trees. And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands, by themselves, or their agents, on the subject of damages, by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:

To E. M. Wright, \$ 50.00

Rosanna Dunn, 40.00

To be paid to them out of the County Treasury, when the land over which the highway is located shall have been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

And it is ordered by said Commissioners that the inhabitants of said town of Agawam shall, on or before the first day of October 1901, complete and finish the same, so that twenty (20) feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary loads. If practicable, the centre of the travelled part shall be the centre of the location, and from station "0" to station 8 + 28

shall be graded in accordance with the profile, and plans which are filed herewith and made a part of this order. Durable stone or iron monuments shall be placed at each end, at each angle and at such other points as are mentioned in said described line. Where excavations are necessary, the slope of the banks on the sides shall not exceed one foot perpendicular, to one and one-half feet horizontal. Railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

J. M. Sickman }
W. H. Brainerd } County
J. H. Hendrick } Commissioners.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, April 15th A.D. 1901.

The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded; that the said road may be known as a public highway forever.

Attest:- Robert O. Morris, Clerk.

County Treasurer
authorized to purchase Hampden county
Bonds.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. May 1st, 1901.

To M. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of Hampden county:-

You are hereby authorized to purchase for the Sinking Fund of Hampden county, at par, not more than twenty-five (25) Hampden County Bonds, of One Thousand (1000) Dollars each, with accrued interest.

J. M. Sickman }
W. H. Brainerd } Commissioners of Hampden County
J. H. Hendrick } Sinking Fund.

Order to Transfer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. County Commissioners' Meeting. May 1st, 1901.

To M. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of Hampden county:-

You are hereby authorized to transfer from the funds in your hands as Treasurer, appropriated for the reduction of the county debt, to your account as treasurer of the Sinking Fund of said county, the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$ 25,000.) and to hold the same subject to order from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said county.

J. M. Sickman }
W. H. Brainerd } County Commissioners of
J. H. Hendrick } Hampden county.

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County Tax Assessed.

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session granting a tax of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$ 150,000.) for the county of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said county, in manner following:-

Agawam,	\$ 1,489.77
Blandford,	467.38
Brimfield,	438.17
Chester,	788.70
Chicopee,	9,756.66
East Longmeadow,	525.80
Granville,	379.74
Hampden,	408.96
Holland,	87.63
Holyoke,	39,581.29
Longmeadow,	963.97
Ludlow,	1,606.61
Monsen,	2,015.57
Montgomery,	146.06
Palmer,	3,067.17
Russell,	467.38
Southwick,	525.80
Springfield,	72,385.61
Tolland,	146.06
Wales,	292.11
Westfield,	8,500.50
West Springfield,	5,141.15
Wilbraham,	817.91
	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>

And warrants have been issued dated May thirteen, nineteen hundred and one, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns and cities in said county directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and to cause the amount so collected to be paid into the County Treasury.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden, held at Springfield, on the eighteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and one, it was ordered that M. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of said county, be appointed agent for and behalf of the inhabitants of said county, to sell to Dwight O. Gilmore, of said Springfield, two and one half (2 1/2) feet at the east end of the Court-house lot, in said Springfield, running from Elm street to State street, for the sum of

M. Wells Bridge
appointed agent to
sell land to Dwight O.
Gilmore.

twelve hundred and seventy-eight (1278) dollars, and also to convey to the said Dwight O. Gilmore an easement on five and one half (5 1/2) feet just west of the said two and one half (2 1/2) feet and in payment for the same, take from the said Dwight O. Gilmore a conveyance of an easement to the said county of five and one half (5 1/2) feet at the west end of his lot adjoining the said Court-house lot.

J. M. Sickman	}	County Commissioners.
W. H. Brainerd		
J. H. Hendrick		

D E E D.

D E E D.

This Indenture made this eighteenth day of May, A.D. 1901, between M. Wells Bridge of Springfield, Hampden county, Massachusetts, duly appointed agent of the county of Hampden under the provisions of section 4 of chapter 22 of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth and Dwight O. Gilmore of said Springfield, WITNESSETH,- That in Consideration of Twelve Hundred and seventy-eight dollars paid to the county of Hampden by said Gilmore, the said M. Wells Bridge does hereby remise, release and forever quit-claim unto the said Dwight O. Gilmore, a lot of land situated in said Springfield and bounded and described as follows:-

Beginning on the southerly side of Elm street at the northwesterly corner of land of said Gilmore, and running thence westerly on Elm street two and one half (2 1/2) feet; thence southerly in a straight line on land of the county of Hampden about two hundred and forty (240) feet to a point in the northerly line of State street distant westerly two and one half (2 1/2) feet measuring in the northerly line of State street from the southwesterly corner of land of said Gilmore; thence easterly on State street two and one half (2 1/2) feet to land of said Gilmore; and thence northerly on land of said Gilmore about two hundred forty and one half (240 1/2) feet to the place of beginning.

Together with the right to have a strip of the remaining land of the county of Hampden, five and one half (5 1/2) feet wide, extending from Elm street to State street adjoining the above conveyed premises kept forever open and unincumbered for light and air; and to use for passage on foot, but not as a driveway, so much of said five and one half foot strip as is now covered with sidewalk or curbing (being about six inches thereof); and also whenever a sidewalk shall be established by said county of Hampden, adjoining said sidewalk as now laid, to use such additional sidewalk for foot passage in common with the county of Hampden.

To Have and to Hold the granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Dwight O. Gilmore and his heirs and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever.

And the said Dwight O. Gilmore hereby grants and conveys to the county of Hampden and its successors and assigns the right to have the premises herein above conveyed to him, together with a strip of his remaining land three (3) feet wide adjoining the above described premises

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on the east and extending from Elm street to State street kept forever open and unincumbered for light and air and for passage on foot but not for use as a driveway.

The intention of this instrument being to convey to said Gilmore in fee a strip of land two and one half feet wide adjoining land now owned by him and to establish and create an area for light and air eleven feet wide, having for its center the westerly line of the strip of land above conveyed, for the mutual benefit of said Gilmore and of the county of Hampden; said area to be used to furnish light and air for any buildings which may at any time stand on land of either party, and also for passage on foot over so much thereof as may at any time be laid out as a sidewalk.

In Witness Whereof the said M. Wells Bridge, Agent as aforesaid and Dwight O. Gilmore, have hereto set their hands and seals the day and date first above written.

M. Wells Bridge, Agent (seal)

Dwight O. Gilmore (seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss. June 3, 1901. Then personally appeared the abovenamed M. Wells Bridge and Dwight O. Gilmore and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed, before me

Ralph W. Ellis, Justice of the Peace.

\$1. revenue stamp }
CANCELLED }
(\$1.50 revenue stamp }
CANCELLED }

Approved: J. M. Sickman }
J. H. Hendrick } Co. Comrs.

Received Hampden County Registry of Deeds, June 3, 1901, and Recorded in Book 631, Page 581.

Attest:- James R. Wells, Register.

Sundry accounts being presented, are allowed, and the same amounting to the sum of ten thousand four hundred and forty-six dollars and twenty-five cents are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

Accounts.

\$ 10,446.25

Hampden, ss. June 3d, 1901.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:-

Robert O. Morris

Clerk.

